

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules
and Executive Appointments

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RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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DIRECTOR OF OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY

The Governor has appointed the following individual to serve as the Director of the Oregon Youth Authority, subject to Senate confirmation.¹ *This is a paid, full-time position.*

Appointee

Michael Tessean of Salem

Term

Serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 420A.015 to 420A.017 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Duties³

Oregon Youth Authority (OYA)

The OYA supervises the management and administration of youth correction facilities, state parole and probation services, community out-of-home placement for youth offenders committed to its legal custody, and other functions related to state programs for youth corrections.

OYA Director⁴

The director provides supervision and control of OYA, and is responsible for the performance of the duties, functions, and powers of OYA. The director must:

- determine whether violations of conditions of parole have occurred;
- following assessment of a youth offender, prepare, or cause to be prepared, a reformation plan for the youth offender and make the initial placement of the youth offender based upon the plan;

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2023\)](#),

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [420A.010 \(2023\)](#)

⁴ [ORS 420A.015 to 420A.155 \(2023\)](#) and [420.011 to 420.992 \(2023\)](#)

- determine which persons committed to, or placed in the custody of, the youth authority, are eligible to participate in, and are accepted for placement in, specified facilities;
- designate custodians for subaccounts of the institution petty cash fund at each of the youth correction facilities;
- determine reasonable standards for care and treatment of youth offenders housed in youth correction facilities, including the maximum allowable population level for each youth correction facility, criteria upon which the decision to place a youth in a youth correction facility must be based, and a method of controlling admissions to the youth correction facilities so as not to exceed maximum population levels; and,
- impose civil penalties for specified violations.

