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State issues forecast on juvenile corrections

Salem— The Oregon Office of Economic Analysis issued the *Oregon Youth Authority Demand Forecast* today, which projects a lower level of demand for the agency's services over the next decade, as compared to the prior forecast, thanks to reductions in juvenile crime trends. The forecast says 883 beds are currently needed, increasing to 916 by 2021.

The prior forecast, released last April, had placed demand at approximately 950 beds, increasing to 968.

The forecast includes projections for three groups of juveniles held in close-custody beds (locked facilities operated by the Oregon Youth Authority).

Release of the forecast occurs April 15 and October 15 of every year. The forecast helps state policy makers plan and budget for the juvenile corrections population.

The forecast is available at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/OEA/oia.shtml>