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FRIENDS AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER



MEXICAN FLAG DAY

Recently, the Oregon State Penitentiary's Latino Club celebrated Mexican Flag Day. Mexican Flag Day was a meaningful event that went beyond national pride, emphasizing unity, cultural identity, and personal growth.

The celebration focused on promoting cultural awareness and unity among those in custody. Participants carried the Mexican flag, sang the national anthem, and reflected on their shared values. For many, the event marked a milestone, offering a chance to embrace their heritage and feel a sense of pride and belonging.

In addition to the ceremony, the Latino Club at OSP demonstrated their commitment to giving back, with contributions to a Mexican orphanage. This charitable effort highlighted the importance of unity and community involvement. The march with the flag, which brought back memories of similar celebrations in Mexico, symbolized



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You are invited to watch the Department of Corrections (DOC) testimony before the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety of the Oregon Legislature. This is a valuable opportunity to hear directly from our leadership about DOC's plans for the 2025-2027 biennium and to learn what aspects of our work legislators are most focused on.

This committee plays a crucial role in determining how much funding DOC receives for the next budget cycle, making these discussions especially important for our agency's future.

The testimony will take place at 8:00 A.M. over these four days in March:

Monday, March 10, 2025

- Director's Overview
- Operations
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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- Health Services

values like freedom, legacy, and family. For others, it was an opportunity to fulfill a long-held desire to participate in a tradition that held personal meaning.

Overall, Mexican Flag Day at OSP was more than a holiday—it was a chance for introspection, community building, and fostering respect for cultural diversity and national values.

- Correctional Services

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Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- Administrative Services
- Community Corrections
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Thursday, March 13, 2025

- Public testimony
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