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DOC Director's statement on administrative segregation

Oregon Department of Corrections Director Colette S. Peters released the following statement regarding a report published today on the nationwide use of administrative segregation by the Association of State Correctional Administrators (ASCA) and the Arthur Liman Public Interest Program at Yale Law School.

"I commend ASCA and the Yale Law School for their efforts in compiling the latest statistics on states' use of administrative segregation and for bringing national light to this important issue. This is a strong first step in understanding the complex landscape of special housing use, conditions, and staffing.

"In Oregon, we are already taking steps to analyze our use of special housing and safely reduce our reliance on it as a prison management tool. We have made this one of our top agency initiatives. As part of this initiative, in March, Oregon was one of five states selected to participate in the Vera Institute of Justice's Safe Alternatives to Segregation initiative. We will receive up to two years of technical assistance, focused on analyzing our use of segregated housing and developing recommendations for its safe reduction, as well as initial assistance with implementation of those recommendations.

"We look forward to our continued work with Vera, and to more robust dialogue with our counterparts in other states – and our key stakeholders and partners at home – about how we can collectively work to reduce the use of special housing across the nation."

View ASCA's press release:

<http://www.asca.net/system/assets/attachments/8895/ASCA%20LIMAN%20Press%20Release%208-28-15.pdf?1441222595>

Full report: http://www.law.yale.edu/documents/pdf/Liman/ASCA-Liman_Administrative_Segregation_Report_Sep_2_2015.pdf

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