

OYA Director's Message

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Dear Colleagues,

The revenue forecast released this morning by the state's economist shows, as feared, that state revenues are continuing to decline. Oregon's revenues for the remainder of this biennium now are expected to come in approximately \$378 million below the amount previously projected. This is on top of the \$577 million shortfall last quarter.

If this savings is achieved only through the across-the-board allotment process, OYA would have to reduce expenses by approximately \$8 million between now and June 30, 2011, in addition to the \$11.9 million reduction already under way in response to the previous revenue drop.

We are awaiting further instructions as to how to proceed with budget planning. We will review that information once it arrives and will share more details with you early next week.

We will continue to work with legislators, partners and others to explore ways to minimize to the extent possible the impact of any budget reductions on public safety.

We know these are stressful times for you. We appreciate your ability to stay focused on serving youth, and on fulfilling the mission of this agency as we work through these next difficult months.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,



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Director



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