

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barker, Bonamici, Cameron, Flores, Komp, Krieger, Read, Whisnant, Macpherson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/11, 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes legislative findings regarding evaluation, treatment and monitoring of sex offenders. Establishes titles of certified sex offender therapist, certified associate sex offender therapist and certified sexual arousal/interest examiner. Creates Sex Offender Treatment Board (“Board”) and Sex Offender Treatment Advisory Board (“Advisory Board”). Declares an emergency and alphabetizes definitions. Places Board under jurisdiction of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Treatment providers support bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Declares an emergency and alphabetizes definitions. Places Board under jurisdiction of the Oregon Health Licensing Agency.

BACKGROUND: HB 3233 makes legislative findings regarding the evaluation, treatment and monitoring of sex offenders. It establishes the titles of certified sex offender therapist, certified associate sex offender therapist and certified sexual arousal/interest examiner and provides specific criteria for such certification. HB 3233 creates the Board to certify and maintain a registry of such certified positions and to develop evidence-based standards and practices for treatment and monitoring. It also creates an Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Board.

HB 3233 provides for confidentiality in the communications between certified therapists/examiners and their patients with some exceptions. These exceptions include the patient’s consent, legal actions, statements regarding criminal intent and information regarding victims who are minors. There are sanctions for persons that falsify certification. The Board appears to be funded through such fines and through the collection of fees from persons seeking certification as therapists/examiners.