

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Kennemer  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Winters

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 20 – 0 – 2

House

Yeas: Buckley, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays:

Exc: Komp

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Whitsett

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Meeting Date: June 11, 2009

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a position to act as a liaison between the Department and communities in which the Department plans to establish housing for persons conditionally released by the Psychiatric Security Review Board or for person with mental illness.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for outreach and communication

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) was created in 1978 to assume jurisdiction over persons in Oregon found to be “guilty except for insanity” of a crime. The Board’s primary purpose is to protect the public through the ongoing review of the progress of those placed under its jurisdiction and determination of their appropriate placement. The Board has the authority to: commit a person to a state hospital; to a community-based program with close monitoring and supervision; discharge a person from its jurisdiction; and, when appropriate, revoke the conditional release of a person under its jurisdiction and order the person’s return to a state hospital pending a full hearing before the Board.

SB 529 addresses the community-based program component of the Board’s responsibility. When PSRB determines that community-based placement in transitional housing for persons conditionally released is appropriate, the community must be informed. This bill directs the Department of Human Services to act as a liaison between the Department and community when transitional housing is being planned.