

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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<b>Yeas:</b>	Bates, Kruse, Morrisette, Morse, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/5, 3/31, 4/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Human Services to establish position to act as liaison between the department and Oregon communities that may become sites for housing facilities, to include persons conditionally released by the Psychiatric Security Review Board, and persons with mental illness.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Expand bill to include persons with mental illness
- Community liaison and communication is critical when planning for the establishment of housing in specific communities
- Full-time position is currently available within Department of Human Services

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes the word “transitional” in reference to housing of persons conditionally released by the Psychiatric Security Review Board. Establishes placement is transitional, but the housing facility is permanent. Expands the scope of the community liaison in establishing housing, to include housing for persons with mental illness.

**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 on-going 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.