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Members of the House Judiciary Committee

Testimony on SB 30

For the record my name is Calvin Curths, I am a Captain and Commander of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Oregon State Police. The Sex Offender Registration Section of the State Police is part of the Criminal Division.

This bill adds the crimes of Luring a minor and Conspiracy to commit a sex crime to the list of offenses that require registration in Oregon. If you look at the crime of Luring a minor, you see that the language is very much like that of Online solicitation of a minor and what the Sex Offender Registration Section is seeing is that persons are using Luring a minor as a way to avoid registration. According to Oregon Department of Community Corrections, individuals convicted of this crime are placed on a sex offender supervision caseload and they must complete all steps others convicted of sex crimes must; however, they do not have to register. In order to allow the negotiation room for plea bargains that both the Oregon District Attorneys Association and the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association requested, persons convicted or adjudicated for Luring a minor would be required to register by court order, at the discretion of the judge.

Adding Conspiracy to commit a sex crime allows the registration of persons who assist in the planning and/or participation of the commission of a sex crime. Current law does not require persons in this group to register, even though they knowingly participate in many aspects of the sex crime.

Requiring persons to register in Oregon who are convicted or adjudicated of these crimes will allow the flexibility needed for legal negotiations but still closing some gaps in Oregon's registration law.

Thank you.