

# The Kilcullen Family and Law Enforcement Community ask for your support of SB 421

## **SB 421 offers reprieve for victims and their families**

Currently when a mentally ill person commits a violent act and is unable to aid and assist in their own defense, they can be civilly committed, but their commitment is reviewed every six months. This places a tremendous burden on victims, their families and their communities. ***SB 421 extends the review period from six months to two years.***

## **SB 421 ensures that extremely dangerous mentally ill individuals will be safely supervised while they present extreme risk to the community**

SB 421 places extremely dangerous mentally ill people under the supervision of the Psychiatric Security Review Board while they are in the state hospital or other secure inpatient facility. The bill requires the district attorney to be notified if the individual had unadjudicated criminal charges and their commitment status will change, or if the superintendent requests a review of their commitment.

*SB 421 protects the mentally ill individual by allowing reviews at any time when requested by the hospital superintendent or facility director, and provides notice to district attorneys only for individuals with unadjudicated crimes.*

## **Background**

In April 2011, Eugene Police Officer Chris Kilcullen was shot and killed by a mentally ill person, Cheryl Kidd, after pulling her over on his department motorcycle. After two and a half years, Ms. Kidd continues to be unfit to stand trial, and in April of next year will likely be civilly committed. SB 421 will ensure that she and others in her situation are supervised by the PSRB, that district attorneys are notified if their commitment status will change, and that the Kilcullen family and others victims will have a two year reprieve between reviews of her commitment.

Thank you for your vote on SB 421.



From the desk of  
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