

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Close, Dingfelder, Kruse, Roblan, Prozanski
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/19, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Updates and conforms terminology to use term “person with mental illness” rather than “mentally ill person.”

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The statutes should be updated with the most correct terminology

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Amendment removes the two year extension for the civil commitment term, and keeps it at present term of 180 days. The rest of the bill with the conforming language remains intact.

BACKGROUND: Two recent cases have brought the mental health code to the forefront in Oregon. The Spinosa case in Washington county where a man charged with murder would have been released from custody after being found “unable to aid and assist” his counsel in trial, and where the hospital stated that he received the maximum benefit through hospital involuntary civil commitments that he could receive. The other case is that of Cheryl Kidd, the woman who killed Eugene Police Department Officer Chris Kilcullen, who is still in the Oregon State Hospital. Presently the state hospital is attempting to treat her so that she regains competence to aid and assist but, if unsuccessful, Ms. Kidd may fall into the same justice and community safety gap. Senate Bill 426 A brings terminology up to date.