## **Representative Nathanson**

## **FULL COMMITTEE PONY**

## SB 5532 Psychiatric Security Review Board

SB 5532 is the budget bill for the Psychiatric Security Review Board. The Board has jurisdiction over persons in Oregon found guilty of crimes except for insanity, with certain exceptions. The agency is also responsible to process relief petitions and hearings for persons barred from possessing a firearm due to a mental health determination. 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 to determine their appropriate placement.

The Human Services Subcommittee approved a budget of \$2.6 million, nearly all General Fund, and 11 full-time positions. The total budget is 5.5% higher than the 2013-15 legislatively approved budget.

In past biennia, federal grant funding was passed through Oregon State Police to this agency for the gun relief program. That has ended, and a portion of those expenditures was shifted to General Fund. In addition, one adjustment of \$83,880 General Fund was made to the budget to correct a mistake in the current service level. Overall, the General Fund budget is 10.3% higher than the 2013-15 budget.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 5532 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.