

Psychiatric Security Review Board

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Jeff Barker, Chair House Judiciary Committee 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Psychiatric Security Review Board Comments on Proposed Amendments to House Bill

4074-1, Sex Offender Classification/Relief Programs

Dear Chair Barker and Members of the Committee:

The Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) supports the proposed amendments to House Bill 4074 - Juvenile Sex Offender Classification and Relief. These amendments seek to clarify existing law to ensure that there is consistency among all youth offenders, whether they are under PSRB or OYA supervision. To that end, the amendments direct the PSRB to notify all relevant parties under all the circumstances when a youth ends PSRB jurisdiction. Additionally, under current law, the PSRB does not have the authority to release its clinical and risk assessment records that could aid the court in determining a youth's risk. The -1 amendment gives explicit authority for such release of information, which will allow the court to be better informed about these youths.

The Board appreciates the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation. PSRB's staff will be available to answer questions or to provide technical assistance, if needed.

Sincerely,

Juliet Britton, J.D. Executive Director