

Psychiatric Security Review Board

	2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Legislatively Approved*	2017-19 Current Service Level	2017-19 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	2,166,128	2,690,702	2,999,554	2,977,067
Other Funds	82,466	2,168	2,248	2,248
Total Funds	\$2,248,594	\$2,692,870	\$3,001,802	\$2,979,315
Positions	11	11	11	11
FTE	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00

*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2016.

Program Description

The Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) has jurisdiction over persons in Oregon found to be “guilty/responsible except for insanity” (GEI) of a crime, with certain exceptions. 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 a determination of their appropriate placement. The Board is also responsible for hearings for persons barred from possessing a firearm due to a mental health determination, supervising certain types of civil commitments, and conducting sex offender classification and relief hearings for GEI sex offenders.

CSL Summary and Issues

The agency has requested a current service level budget, without any enhancements. There are no issues with the budget. The Governor’s Budget funds the agency at this level.

Policy Issues

Recent legislation has affected this agency. SB 420 (2011) shifted the responsibility for persons found guilty except for insanity, who have committed less serious crimes, to the Oregon Health Authority while they are at the Oregon State Hospital. PSRB takes over jurisdiction once they are conditionally released to the community. In addition, HB 2549 (2013) created a three-tier system for rating sex offenders, in conjunction with the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, the Department of Corrections, the Oregon State Hospital, and community corrections law enforcement agencies. The Board is in the process of classifying all current and former registrants and expects to complete the backlog by the statutory deadline of December 2018. Finally, legislative action in 2013 made the Board responsible for supervising and monitoring civil commitments of those found to be “extremely dangerous persons with mental illness”. The Board is required to hold hearings for these patients as it does for its guilty except for insanity population. There are currently seven such individuals under PSRB jurisdiction.

Other Significant Issues and Current Discussions

The PSRB budget includes only the funding necessary to support the Board and monitor the population placed under its jurisdiction. The resources to provide the treatment for most of these individuals is a part of the Oregon Health Authority budget, either through the Oregon State Hospital or community mental health programs. In addition, a small number of individuals receive services through the developmental/intellectual community programs with funding from the Department of Human Services. Without adequate funding of these systems, PSRB may be unable to place individuals in the community.

The Co-Chairs' budget includes a combined reduction target for the other agencies in the Human Services program area, including the Psychiatric Security Review Board, Long Term Care Ombudsman, and the Commission for the Blind. The reduction target is \$0.5 million General Fund from the \$13.6 million CSL, or a 3.1% reduction.