



The Oregon Psychological Association supports SB 66

The Oregon Psychological Association (OPA) is the largest organization in Oregon advocating for psychologists. We have received consistent complaints from our members who work in forensic settings, that psychologists' clients are not being adequately informed of their requirement to register as sex offenders during their adjudication. In some cases, there are reports of clients not being aware of this information until they begin planning for discharge/release from the Oregon State Hospital or Department of Corrections. We believe that this information should be provided in clear language to all clients who are required to register as sex offenders prior to entering into a plea. The result of this lack of clear communication to clients at the time of adjudication places an undue burden on clinicians to be the ones who inform clients of this need after the fact.

OPA believes that making these changes places responsibility for this discussion where it belongs, with the defense attorney, as well as ensures that defendants are granted the opportunity to make a fully-informed decision regarding their plea.

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