

Testimony on HB 2633  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
April 4, 2017

Chair Barker, Vice Chairs Williamson and Olsen, and Members of the Committee,

As a member of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF), it is important to recognize community safety by ensuring those seeking sex offender specific treatment are receiving quality, effective and ethical services by a certified treatment provider.

SATF is a multifaceted non-profit statewide agency with multiple subcommittees with the common goal of advancing a survivor-centered approach to the prevention of and response to sexual violence in Oregon. My assignment is with the Offender Management Committee as I am a juvenile probation officer with a sex offender specific caseload.

The Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB) oversees those who are certified and can practice sex offender specific treatment services. When youth enter into sex offender treatment and are motivated to fully engage in sex offender specific treatment with a qualified professional it can change the trajectory of their life and the lives of their family members. Such treatment can be difficult to access in rural communities and, rather than settle for treatment with an unqualified provider, providers can seek additional education and mandate that they work under the direct supervision of a certified clinical sex offender therapist.

Treatment providers who are educated and experienced in the field of sex offender specific treatment are essential to the restoration of those harmed and the rehabilitation of the juveniles who have engaged in the harmful and/or criminal acts.

Respectfully,

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