

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB 767, directing the State Criminal Justice Commission to study recidivism rates of sex offenders. As you must know, the U.S. Supreme Court cited a grossly erroneous statistic derived from *Psychology Today* to the effect that sex offenders reoffend far more than other offenders. It is patently false, but has caused a great deal of harm. In addition, recidivism rates most often include reoffense for any crime, not just a sex offense. That distorts reality and contributes to a climate of fear and harm. We need evidence-based laws and sane policies. I hope you will support this legislation.

Respectfully,

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