

House Judicial Committee Members, I'm writing as a Licensed Professional Counselor and OHLA-Certified Clinical Sex Offender Treatment Provider with 30 years experience and 130,000 clinical treatment hours experience. Very briefly, I support the passage of HB2545 as a major contributor for assisting us to verify accuracy of self-report for sexual history as an important step in treating sexual offenders and to verify program compliance and requirements of supervision having a bearing on community safety. The ocular-motor test for deception (EyeDetect) will NOT REPLACE polygraph examinations, but, rather, will supplement or augment them as another tool to be used in this capacity. Coupled with the use of polygraph examinations, the use of EyeDetect technology will greatly increase to accuracy of our pursuit in establishing truth and accuracy in this area. Research indicates the ocular-motor test is at least as accurate (85+%) as polygraphy and is much less time-consuming, much less expensive, much more user friendly via less invasive physiological measurements and assesses different brain systems (limbic vs pre-frontal cortex). Therefore, individuals cannot use pretest fear and nervousness as an explanation of why they "failed" an exam. It may also be very useful with the mandated adolescent population (and their parents/guardians) as a much less threatening procedure given its exclusive focus on screen technology and not the traditional polygraph biofeedback apparatus. That same technology virtually eliminates administrator/examiner/proctor error given the scoring is done by internet computer interfacing in Utah. It also reduces the contamination between the administrator and testing individual for precisely the same reasons. Furthermore, we can retest at a faster pace in between administrations to achieve better efficiency in multiple-issue instances thereby reducing the "time's wasting" concern. Every demonstration test I've seen and taken, myself, has produced accurate results. This technology shows great promise and, I believe, will assist us dramatically in reducing and/or eliminating deception in our clients and boost our effectiveness in helping the individuals in our programs change for the better. Please give this your very serious consideration.