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This is a sneaky anti-transparency bill that violates the single subject clause of the Oregon Constitution.

It buries into a necrophilia sex-offender registration bill nobody can oppose a true purpose of anti-transparency provisions that enable misconduct by judicial and law enforcement officials. What does closing off recordings of ALL state parole hearings have to do with necrophilia? At a time when newsroom budgets are being slashed, curbing the ability of news outlets to send reporters to important parole hearings, this bill is cutting off remote access - forcing the public to pay for expensive public records requests that may not be honored.

By also closing off public access to hearings of the State's Psychiatric Security Review board, this bill removes important oversight of state-sponsored psychiatry - a field notorious for abuse, pseudoscience, false experts, and lies. The use of chemical lobotomies (aka psychiatric drugs) to make prisoners manageable - or even cause them to hallucinate in parole hearings is a common practice to violate due process.