

Analysis

**Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision**

Report on Static 99-R Assessments

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**Analyst:** Tim Walker

**Request:** Acknowledge the receipt of a report on the progress of Static 99-R sex offender assessments.

**Analysis:** A budget note in HB 5029 (2017) directed the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision (Board) to report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means on progress in reducing and developing strategies for continued reduction of the backlog in Static 99-R sex offender assessments. The Static 99-R assessment tool is valid for male adult offenders, but not for female or juvenile offenders. Sex offender risk assessments for female and juvenile offenders must be conducted by trained and licensed contractors.

HB 2549 (2013) and HB 2320 (2015) directed the Board to conduct sex offender risk assessments on all existing sex offenders and all new registrants. There are currently 27,355 awaiting assessment. Oregon State Police add approximately 100 new registrants per month. This number of additions does not include offenders released from DOC custody who have not previously registered. The Board has completed 2,649 assessments to date and completes 127 assessments per month.

In 2004, the Department of Corrections (DOC) started using the Static 99 assessments on sex offenders under the control of the Department. The Board developed rules to ease the adoption of Static 99 assessments conducted by DOC. This change in methodology has decreased the time required to conduct the assessments from 60 - 90 days to as little as 15 minutes. For these assessments, the Board conducts criminal background check to verify there are no new sex crimes. The Board estimates there are approximately 13,000 registrants that have previous assessments.

The Board has undergone substantial turnover in the last year and this has contributed to the lack of progress in decreasing the backlog of Static 99-R assessments. It is recommended that the Board return to the September 2018 Emergency Board and provide a strategic plan, proposed Key Performance Measures, and internal metrics to decrease the backlog and provide useful feedback to staff.

**Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation:** Acknowledge receipt of the report.