OREGON BOARD OF PAROLE & POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

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The Honorable Representative Jennifer Williamson, Chair House Judiciary Committee, Members

Re: Testimony re: HB 2045

Dear Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee,

Currently, the Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision is required to complete assessments and classifications for all existing sex offender registrants no later than December 1, 2022. This population consists of all offenders who were required to register before January 1, 2014, when the Legislative Assembly adopted the three-tier classification system. As explained in the Board's PowerPoint slides, the Board cannot satisfy that deadline with the resources currently available to it.

House Bill 2045 removes the December 1, 2022 deadline and replaces it with a requirement that the Board make regular reports to the Legislative Assembly on its progress and on efforts to reduce the cost and increase the efficiency and accuracy of the assessments. The proposed -1 amendment will clarify that the Board's reporting responsibility matches its assessment and classification responsibility and does not include a requirement to report on offenders who are assessed and classified by the Psychiatric Security Review Board or by local supervisory authorities.

The Board intends to continue diligently working to classify the existing registrants while performing the required assessments and classifications on new offenders, as required by statute. I am happy to answer any questions that the Committee may have.

Sincerely,

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Michael Hsu, Vice Chair Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision