HB 2472 -2   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates a requirement that an individual applying for certification as an associate sexual offense therapist register for an internship plan with the Health Licensing Office to complete required supervised clinical experience hours. Establishes registration requirements for and defines sexual offense therapist intern. Amends the term sexual or sex offender as used in ORS 675.360-675.410 to sexual or sex offense. Renames Sex Offender Treatment Board to Sex Offense Treatment Board. Amends the definition of certified clinical sex offender therapist to include certified secondary clinical sexual offense therapists. Directs the Sex Offender Treatment Board to determine qualifications of applicants for secondary clinical sexual offender therapists and sexual offender therapist interns. Prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in the unauthorized practice of sexual abuse specific treatment.

Takes effect 91 days after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure and reorganizes original provisions. Makes technical amendments relating to application requirements of sex offense therapist interns. Amends the definition of certified clinical sex offender therapist to include certified sexual offense therapist interns.

BACKGROUND:

Proponents of HB 2472 state that the measure strengthens HB 3233, which was passed in 2017 (HB 2633), establishing the Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB). The purpose of the SOTB is to provide oversight of and establish standards of practice for all professionals providing sexual abuse specific treatment services in Oregon. HB 2472 intends to close loopholes which have allowed professionals without the agreed upon expertise and training to provide treatment services to individuals convicted of sexual crimes by ensuring all professionals providing treatment services are required to complete the same training and receive the same oversight.