

HB 2472 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Gelser

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/23/19

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Fagan, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies provisions relating to sex offender therapists. 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 and complete required supervised clinical experience hours. Establishes registration requirements. Defines sexual offense therapist intern. Changes 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 Sexual Offense Treatment Board. Amends the definition of certified clinical sex offense therapist to include certified secondary clinical sexual offense therapists and certified sexual offense therapist interns. Directs the Sexual Offense Treatment Board to determine qualifications of applicants for secondary clinical sexual offense therapists and sexual offense therapist interns. Prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in the unauthorized practice of sexual offense specific treatment. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Does not prohibit licensed professionals from providing treatment as part of their regular practice
- Provides consistent certification standards for all designated sexual offender treatment providers
- Continuation of legislative efforts from previous sessions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB) was established in 2017. 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.

House Bill 2472 A closes loopholes that 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.