

SB 820 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes the certification exception (for certified sexual offense therapists) for a person employed by a local, state or federal government agency, community mental health program or drug and alcohol treatment program licensed or certified in this state, if the person’s activities and services are performed and provided within the person’s scope of employment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Sex Offender Treatment Board (SOTB) was established in 2017 to provide oversight of and establish standards of practice for all professionals providing sexual abuse specific treatment services in Oregon. The board oversees the practices of clinical, secondary, associate, and intern sexual offense therapists, and is housed within the Oregon Health Authority Health Licensing Office.

SB 820 would require persons who provide sexual offense therapy in the course and scope of their employment with the government to be certified by the Sexual Offense Treatment Board.