

## HB 2807 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Judiciary

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure immunizes the Psychiatric Security Review Board from liability for injury to property or persons and death of persons for conducting board hearings required by law and performing other specified board functions. The measure immunizes the board from liability for the actions or omissions of persons who are or were under the jurisdiction of the board while those persons are on conditional release or have been discharged from the board's jurisdiction.

#### Detailed Summary

Immunizes the Psychiatric Security Review Board from liability for claims of injury to persons or property or claims of death of persons resulting from acts or omissions related to these board functions:

- Conducting hearings required by law to determine
  - Status, release, or commitment of a person under the board's jurisdiction;
  - Sex offender reporting or classification;
  - Restoration of right to possess firearms;
  - Sex offender classification assessment;
- Making oversight and supervision decisions;
- Modifying or terminating conditional release plans;

Immunizes the board from claims of injury to persons or property or claims of death of persons resulting from the acts or omissions of persons who are or were under the board's jurisdiction while those persons are on conditional release or have been discharged from the board's jurisdiction, except for in cases of "willful or wanton misconduct" by the board. Applies to all claims arising on, before, or after the measure's effective date, except for causes of action for which a final judgment has been entered before that date.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Psychiatric Security Review Board is established by ORS 161.385 and is made up of two five-member panels whose duties include the oversight of people who have been found guilty except for insanity, responsible except for insanity (for juveniles), or who have been committed as extremely dangerous persons under ORS 426.701 and 426.702. The board's members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate and include psychiatrists, psychologists, lawyers, parole and probation employees, and members of the general public. ORS 30.265 prescribes the scope of liability of public bodies and officers and provides that "every public body is subject to civil action for its torts and those of its officers, employees and agents acting within the scope of their employment or duties," subject to certain limitations and exceptions.