HB 2804 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure repeals the juvenile panel of the Psychiatric Security Review Board.

Detailed Summary

Eliminates the juvenile panel of the Psychiatric Security Review Board (the "board") and changes the board from two panels of five members to one panel of five members by removing the following positions from the board:

- Removes the child psychiatrist position;
- Removes the child psychologist position;
- Removes the juvenile parole and probation position;
- Removes the juvenile law attorney position; and
- Reduces the number of general public positions from two to one.

Replaces references to the juvenile panel of the board with references solely to the board. Removes provision allowing for transfer of cases from the juvenile panel to the adult panel. Transfers all current cases before the juvenile board to the single panel of the board on passage.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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. Currently, the board's juvenile panel oversees young persons placed under the board's jurisdiction under ORS 419C.529, while the adult panel oversees all others under the board's jurisdiction.