

TO: Rep. Jason Kropf, Chair

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Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

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RE: Support for HB 2915

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ODAA supports the passage of House Bill 2915, which will allow the disclosure of individually identifiable health information to the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) from individuals who are conditionally released to the Department of Corrections (DOC). This happens when an individual is found guilty except for insanity on one charge, but is found guilty on a separate charge, resulting in dual jurisdiction to both the PSRB and DOC. This bill is an important step in enhancing public safety, improving oversight and ensuring informed decision-making regarding individuals who are both committed to the PSRB and serving prison sentences with the DOC.

As prosecutors tasked with ensuring public safety, we have seen firsthand the challenges posed when key agencies lack access to essential health information. The PSRB plays a vital role in balancing public safety with the rehabilitation of individuals who have been found guilty except for insanity. However, their ability to make sound, risk-based determinations is hindered when they cannot access critical health data. HB 2915 addresses this gap by allowing authorized disclosures, ensuring the board has the necessary information to assess ongoing risk and compliance with conditional release terms.

HB 2915 will enhance public safety, improve monitoring and accountability and will support evidence-based decision-making. It represents a responsible, common-sense approach to public safety, ensuring those tasked with protecting our communities have the tools necessary to do so effectively. We urge you to support HB 2915 and prioritize the safety of Oregonians while promoting informed, evidence-based oversight of individuals under PSRB jurisdiction.