



Disability
Rights
Oregon

TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Disability Rights Oregon
DATE: February 7, 2025
RE: Opposition for HB 2807

Chair Kropf and Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan,

Disability Rights Oregon (DRO) opposes HB 2807, a bill that provides the Psychiatric Security Review Board with immunity for certain functions. We understand the intent and we could foresee a situation where allowing some immunity would allow the PSRB to lower its restrictions on the individuals under its purview. We believe there are actions of that board that should remain open to litigation. For instance, it is unclear from the face of this legislation whether something like a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act or a constitutional violation would be immune from litigation. The language in the bill is too unclear for DRO to support at this point.

About Disability Rights Oregon

Since 1977 Disability Rights Oregon has been the State's Protection and Advocacy System.¹ We are authorized by Congress to protect, advocate, and enforce the rights of people with disabilities under the U.S. Constitution and Federal and State laws, investigate abuse and neglect of people with disabilities, and "pursue administrative, legal, and other appropriate remedies".² We are also mandated to "educate policymakers" on matters related to people with disabilities.³

If you have any questions regarding DRO's position on this legislation, please contact Ben Gurewitz via email: bgurewitz@droregon.org.

Sincerely,

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¹ See ORS 192.517.

² See 42 U.S.C. § 15041 et seq; 42 U.S.C. § 10801 et seq.

³ See 42 U.S. Code § 15043(a)(2)(L).