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Dear Chairperson Kropf and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing as a Board member of Oregon Voices to comment briefly on HB 2465, which has a hearing on February 12.

As an organization, we work with many on probation and many who are on the sex offender registry. While we certainly applaud public safety measures, we are also cognizant of the need for clarity for those under supervision. Most try hard to follow the rules and are very afraid of being sanctioned, or in this case adding an additional felony, for not doing so.

There are a disproportionate number of registrants who are houseless without a permanent address. They can be difficult to contact. They may miss meetings for a variety of reasons such as lack of transportation and erratic temporary work. So the question arises to me – what is “escape” in this context? It is clear for those in an institutional setting. But when does lack of contact constitute escape?

Any clarification of the definition would be beneficial to both those who are supervising and those who are being supervised.

Sincerely,

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