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I oppose the bill allowing convicted sex offenders in Oregon to avoid registration because it undermines public safety. The registry exists to protect communities by tracking individuals with a history of serious offenses, enabling informed vigilance. Exempting them reduces accountability and increases the risk of recidivism going unnoticed, especially given that studies, like those from the U.S. Department of Justice, show sex offenders have a notable rearrest rate—over 5% within three years for new sex crimes. Transparency saves lives; this bill obscures it.