



## Psychiatric Security Review Board

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TO: Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Chair  
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair  
Members of Senate Judiciary Committee

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RE: Senate Bill 1114 – No Position

Dear Committee Members,

The Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) submits this written testimony to provide additional information for the committee's consideration in examining the implications of SB 1114.

From 2019 to 2021, the PSRB participated in a large-scale legislative workgroup convened at the direction of Senator Prozanski. This group examined a range of issues impacting the PSRB, the individuals it serves, its stakeholders, and the broader public, ultimately producing a [comprehensive report](#).

One key topic discussed was the length of jurisdiction for individuals found guilty except for insanity (GEI). The workgroup's report provides a thorough history of efforts to address this issue, an exploration of potential additional reforms, and several recommendations aimed at enhancing fairness and effectiveness within the system. The discussions reflected a broad array of perspectives and underscored the complexity of this issue, which is deeply intertwined with other post-jurisdiction issues and remains polarizing among stakeholders.

Notably, the workgroup revisited HB 2556 (2015), which, like SB 1114, proposed that the maximum period of commitment or conditional release for individuals found GEI in a felony case align with the presumptive sentence the person would have received under the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission's sentencing guidelines. Notably, HB 2556 did not advance out of committee in 2015 and in 2021, there was no consensus among workgroup members to endorse this approach as a legislative solution.

In light of the workgroup's findings and recommendations, the PSRB encourages the legislature to use the workgroup's report as a foundational document for further deliberation. We urge lawmakers to build upon the recommendations within the report, ensuring that all relevant perspectives are carefully considered. Given the diversity of opinions and the significant implications of the issue, additional time and collaboration will provide all viewpoints are fully heard and that any proposed changes are thoughtfully evaluated.

Thank you for considering this information, and please let me know if I can provide any further information about the PSRB. I can be contacted at 503-229-5596 or at [alison.bort@psrb.oregon.gov](mailto:alison.bort@psrb.oregon.gov)