



Oregon's Public Safety Partners Support HB 2506 with the -9 Amendment

There is significant need in our communities for residential – and secure residential – facilities for those experiencing a mental health crisis across our State. This has become even more urgent given the recent Mossman decision and crisis taking place in our Oregon State Hospital and is an urban and rural problem. HB 2506 will not solve all the problems relating to our Aid and Assist and Civil Commitment public safety crisis, but it will expedite the desperately needed expansion of Oregon's behavioral health residential treatment and supported housing capacity and provide much needed new treatment facilities and supported housing projects.

It is for these reasons that your law enforcement and public safety partners urge your support for HB 2506 with the -9 Amendments.

We also flag for your attention the current ORS and OARs regulating the individual and public safety of these facilities. In order to be licensed to provide residential services to individuals, Secure Residential Treatment Facilities (SRTF) and Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) must adhere to meet the following requirements related to individual and public safety per OAR Chapter 309:

Requirements for RTF & SRTFs:

Per ORS 443.465 a “residential treatment home or facility is “secure” if a resident exit from the home, facility or grounds of the home or facility is restricted through the use of locking devices on resident exit doors, gates or other closures.”

- A minimum of one (RTF) or two (SRTF) staff on duty 24 hours a day.
- Administrator is present or available on-call 24 hours a day.
- All staff are trained in CPR, first aid, and crisis de-escalation.
- Critical Incidents must be reported to licensing within 24 hours.
- Quarterly facility safety inspections to identify and mitigate hazards.
- Licensing surveys are performed before occupancy, at 90 days post occupancy, and a minimum of every two years thereafter.
- In cases where there exists an imminent danger to the health or safety of an individual or the public, a license may be suspended immediately

And OARs found at Chapter 309 [here](#).

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