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Bill would require notification of obligations and restrictions

SB 66: Courts to notify mentally ill of firearm restrictions

SALEM – A bill that passed the Oregon Senate today will require notification of firearm purchasing restrictions and sex offender registry requirements to individuals who meet certain criteria.

Senate Bill 66 – which passed on a 26-0 vote on the Senate floor – requires courts to notify those who are determined by the court to have mental illness that they have a prohibition on purchasing or possessing firearms. The bill also requires the courts to notify those found guilty, except for insanity, of a sex crime that they are obligated to register as sex offenders.

Oregon law currently prohibits those who have been civilly committed from possessing, purchasing or attempting to purchase firearms. Oregon law also currently requires those who have been convicted of or found guilty, except for insanity, of a sex crime to register as sex offenders. Courts already are required to notify individuals who were convicted of sex crimes of this requirement. SB 66 adds the responsibility for the courts to notify those who were found guilty, except for insanity, as well of the registry requirement.

“If someone is required to register as a sex offender or prohibited from purchasing a firearm, we need to make sure they are notified about that,” said Sen. James Manning (D-Eugene), who carried the bill. “This clears up any potential confusions about requirements, expectations and prohibitions that affect those who suffer from some form of mental illness.”

SB 66 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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