

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2420**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 30 and delete pages
2 2 through 4 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 161.370 is amended to read:

4 “161.370. (1) When the defendant’s fitness to proceed is drawn in question,
5 the issue shall be determined by the court. If neither the prosecuting attor-
6 ney nor counsel for the defendant contests the finding of the report filed
7 under ORS 161.365, the court may make the determination on the basis of the
8 report. If the finding is contested, the court shall hold a hearing on the issue.
9 If the report is received in evidence in the hearing, the party who contests
10 the finding has the right to summon and to cross-examine any psychiatrist
11 or psychologist who submitted the report and to offer evidence upon the is-
12 sue. Other evidence regarding the defendant’s fitness to proceed may be in-
13 troduced by either party.

14 “(2)(a) If the court determines that the defendant lacks fitness to proceed,
15 the criminal proceeding against the defendant shall be suspended and[:]
16 **the court shall order that a community mental health program director**
17 **or the director’s designee consult with the defendant to determine**
18 **whether services and supervision necessary to safely restore the**
19 **defendant’s fitness to proceed are available in the community. A copy**
20 **of the findings resulting from the consultation described in this para-**
21 **graph shall be provided to the court upon completion.**

22 “[*(a)*] (b) After obtaining a copy of the findings described in para-

1 **graph (a) of this subsection**, if the court finds that the defendant is dan-
2 gerous to self or others as a result of mental disease or defect, or that the
3 services and supervision necessary to restore the defendant's fitness to pro-
4 ceed are not available in the community, the court shall commit the defend-
5 ant to the custody of the superintendent of a state mental hospital or
6 director of a facility, designated by the Oregon Health Authority, if the de-
7 fendant is at least 18 years of age, or to the custody of the director of a se-
8 cure intensive community inpatient facility designated by the authority if the
9 defendant is under 18 years of age[; *or*].

10 “[*b*] (c) If the court does not make a finding described in paragraph
11 [*a*] (b) of this subsection, or if the court determines that care other than
12 commitment for incapacity to stand trial would better serve the defendant
13 and the community, the court shall release the defendant on supervision for
14 as long as the unfitness endures.

15 “(3) When a defendant is released on supervision under this section, the
16 court may place conditions that the court deems appropriate on the release,
17 including the requirement that the defendant regularly report to the au-
18 thority or a community mental health program for examination to determine
19 if the defendant has **gained or** regained capacity to stand trial.

20 “(4) When the court, on its own motion or upon the application of the
21 superintendent of the hospital or director of the facility in which the de-
22 fendant is committed, a person examining the defendant as a condition of
23 release on supervision, or either party, determines, after a hearing, if a
24 hearing is requested, that the defendant has **gained or** regained fitness to
25 proceed, the criminal proceeding shall be resumed. If, however, the court is
26 of the view that so much time has elapsed since the commitment or release
27 of the defendant on supervision that it would be unjust to resume the crim-
28 inal proceeding, the court on motion of either party may dismiss the charge
29 and may order the defendant to be discharged or cause a proceeding to be
30 commenced forthwith under ORS 426.070 to 426.170 or 427.235 to 427.290.

1 “(5) The superintendent of a state hospital or director of a facility to
2 which the defendant is committed shall cause the defendant to be evaluated
3 within 60 days from the defendant’s delivery into the superintendent’s or
4 director’s custody, for the purpose of determining whether there is a sub-
5 stantial probability that, in the foreseeable future, the defendant will have
6 the capacity to stand trial. In addition, the superintendent or director shall:

7 “(a) Immediately notify the committing court if the defendant, at any
8 time, gains or regains the capacity to stand trial or will never have the ca-
9 pacity to stand trial.

10 “(b) Within 90 days of the defendant’s delivery into the superintendent’s
11 or director’s custody, notify the committing court that:

12 “(A) The defendant has the present capacity to stand trial;

13 “(B) There is no substantial probability that, in the foreseeable future, the
14 defendant will gain or regain the capacity to stand trial; or

15 “(C) There is a substantial probability that, in the foreseeable future, the
16 defendant will gain or regain the capacity to stand trial. If the probability
17 exists, the superintendent or director shall give the court an estimate of the
18 time in which the defendant, with appropriate treatment, is expected to gain
19 or regain capacity.

20 “(6)(a) If the superintendent or director determines that there is a sub-
21 stantial probability that, in the foreseeable future, the defendant will gain
22 or regain the capacity to stand trial, unless the court otherwise orders, the
23 defendant shall remain in the superintendent’s or director’s custody where
24 the defendant shall receive treatment designed for the purpose of enabling
25 the defendant to gain or regain capacity. In keeping with the notice re-
26 quirement under subsection (5)(b) of this section, the superintendent or di-
27 rector shall, for the duration of the defendant’s period of commitment, submit
28 a progress report to the committing court, concerning the defendant’s ca-
29 pacity or incapacity, at least once every 180 days as measured from the date
30 of the defendant’s delivery into the superintendent’s or director’s custody.

1 “(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, if the superinten-
2 dent or director determines that a defendant committed under this section
3 is no longer dangerous to self or others as a result of mental disease or de-
4 fect, or that the services and supervision necessary to restore the defendant’s
5 fitness to proceed are available in the community, the superintendent or di-
6 rector shall file notice of that determination with the court. Upon receipt
7 of the notice, the court shall order the person released on supervision as
8 described in subsection (3) of this section.

9 “(7)(a) A defendant who remains committed under subsection (6) of this
10 section shall be discharged within a period of time that is reasonable for
11 making a determination concerning whether or not, and when, the defendant
12 may gain or regain capacity. However, regardless of the number of charges
13 with which the defendant is accused, in no event shall the defendant be
14 committed for longer than whichever of the following, measured from the
15 defendant’s initial custody date, is shorter:

16 “(A) Three years; or

17 “(B) A period of time equal to the maximum sentence the court could have
18 imposed if the defendant had been convicted.

19 “(b) For purposes of calculating the maximum period of commitment de-
20 scribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection:

21 “(A) The initial custody date is the date on which the defendant is first
22 committed under this section on any charge alleged in the accusatory in-
23 strument; and

24 “(B) The defendant shall be given credit against each charge alleged in
25 the accusatory instrument for each day the defendant is committed under
26 this section, whether the days are consecutive or are interrupted by a period
27 of time during which the defendant has **gained or** regained fitness to pro-
28 ceed.

29 “(8) The superintendent or director shall notify the committing court of
30 the defendant’s impending discharge 30 days before the date on which the

1 superintendent or director is required to discharge the defendant under sub-
2 section (7) of this section.

3 “(9) When the committing court receives a notice from the superintendent
4 or director under subsection (5) or (8) of this section concerning the
5 defendant’s progress or lack thereof, the committing court shall determine,
6 after a hearing, if a hearing is requested, whether the defendant presently
7 has the capacity to stand trial.

8 “(10) If at any time the court determines that the defendant lacks the
9 capacity to stand trial, the court shall further determine whether there is a
10 substantial probability that the defendant, in the foreseeable future, will
11 gain or regain the capacity to stand trial and whether the defendant is en-
12 titled to discharge under subsection (7) of this section. If the court deter-
13 mines that there is no substantial probability that the defendant, in the
14 foreseeable future, will gain or regain the capacity to stand trial or that the
15 defendant is entitled to discharge under subsection (7) of this section, the
16 court shall dismiss, without prejudice, all charges against the defendant and:

17 “(a) Order that the defendant be discharged; or

18 “(b) Initiate commitment proceedings under ORS 426.070 or 427.235 to
19 427.290.

20 “(11) All notices required under this section shall be filed with the clerk
21 of the court and delivered to both the district attorney and the counsel for
22 the defendant.

23 “(12) If the defendant **gains or** regains fitness to proceed, the term of any
24 sentence received by the defendant for conviction of the crime charged shall
25 be reduced by the amount of time the defendant was committed under this
26 section to the custody of a state mental hospital, or to the custody of a se-
27 cure intensive community inpatient facility, designated by the Oregon Health
28 Authority.

29 “(13) Notwithstanding the suspension of the criminal proceeding under
30 subsection (2) of this section, the fact that the defendant is unfit to proceed

1 does not preclude any objection through counsel and without the personal
2 participation of the defendant on the grounds that the indictment is insuffi-
3 cient, that the statute of limitations has run, that double jeopardy principles
4 apply or upon any other ground at the discretion of the court which the
5 court deems susceptible of fair determination prior to trial.

6 **“(14) The Oregon Health Authority shall by rule establish standards**
7 **for the consultations described in subsection (2)(a) of this section.”.**

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