

Date/Time: August 24, 2026, 2:30 – 3:00pm

Proposed Rules: OAR 859-200-0070, 859-200-0148

I. Introduction

A rulemaking hearing was held to receive public comment regarding two proposed rule actions regarding civil commitments under ORS 426.701. The hearing provided an opportunity for interested parties to present feedback consistent with ORS 183.335 requirements.

Two individuals provided oral public comment:

- Harris Matarazzo, attorney.
- Evelyn Centeno, Marion County District Attorney's Office.

The following summarizes the comments received and the agency's responses.

II. Summary of Public Comment

A. Comment from Harris Matarazzo

1. Wanted to confirm whether the amendments were substantive changes or non-substantive clarifications for the evaluation process.

B. Comment from Evelyn Centeno

1. Requested clarification on 859-200-0070(4)(d) that rules permit DAs to request an evaluation for all discharges, not only a discharge request at an initial hearing.

III. Summary of Agency Response

- A. Purpose of Rulemaking:** The intention of this rulemaking is to clarify rules that were reviewed with a RAC and adopted in July 1. The main objective is to make sure that hearing and examination report requirements by reducing redundancy and conflicting information between recently adopted rules regarding submission timelines.
- B. Discharge Hearings and Fitness to Proceed Evaluations:** This topic is addressed separately in 859-200-0071. Rules do not limit DA's ability to request an evaluation to specific discharge hearings.

No written comment was received.