

SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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Honorable Claire Wilson, Chair Honorable Matt Boehnke, Ranking Member Senate Human Services Committee

Honorable June Robinson, Chair Honorable Lynda Wilson, Ranking Member Senate Ways & Means Committee

Honorable Roger Goodman, Chair Honorable Gina Mosbrucker, Ranking Member House Public Safety Committee

Honorable Timm Ormsby, Chair Honorable Chris Corry, Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee

Dear Honorable Members:

Chapter 236, Laws of 2021 (Sections 14 and 15) directed the Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) to meet quarterly during the 2021-2023 biennium to continue its review of sexually violent predators and less restrictive alternative policies and best practices and to submit semiannual updates.

I am pleased to transmit our report entitled RCW 71.09: Changes to Discharge Planning and Less Restrictive Alternative Placements in the Community. System Overview, Recommendations and Updates Regarding Implementation of Chapter 236, Laws of 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Hunt, SOPB Coordinator at whitney.hunt@ofm.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brad Meryhew Brad Meryhew, Chair Sex Offender Policy Board

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