

# Stop These Oregon 2025 Bills That Would Expand Mental Health Commitment

There are two bad Bills in front of the Oregon 2025 legislature, both Senate & House Judiciary Committees, that would expand mental health commitment. The Bills are very similar, and here's the House summary:

Defines "dangerous to self," "dangerous to others" and "serious physical harm" for the purpose of involuntarily committing a person with mental illness.

House Bill 2467: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/HB2467>

Senate Bill 171: <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/SB171>

Disability Rights Oregon explains what is most wrong about these proposed Bills:

**Arbitrary 30-Day "Dangerousness" Standard:** The proposed law will allow someone to be involuntarily committed based on predicting their behavior 30 days in the future. This is unconstitutional and goes far beyond existing standards. No one can see the future. That's why no other state uses such a vague, extended timeline.

**Overly Broad Definition of "Serious Physical Harm":** The proposal's language is so unclear it could allow judges to commit individuals for medical conditions unrelated to mental health. Someone with poorly managed diabetes, for instance, could be forcibly restrained and treated under this expanded definition—simply because a judge assumes they won't take insulin.

(k) "Serious physical harm" means a physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ.

**Removal of Medical Expertise:** Today, a qualified mental health clinician must examine and decide whether a person is dangerous to themselves or others before the court can involuntarily commit them. NAMI's proposal threatens to remove critical medical judgment and replace it with a judge's speculative guess.

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