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Dear Mr. Chair,

I deeply appreciate and highly value the well-informed advice from the Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) to the Governor and the Legislature on issues relating to sex offender policy and management. To that end, in my capacity as Chair of the House Public Safety Committee, I hereby request that the SOPB convene, pursuant to RCW 9.94A.8673, to undertake the following projects to assist the Legislature in addressing sex offender policy:

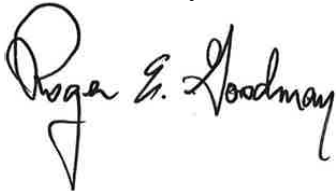
1. Conduct a current review of the Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative (SSOSA) and make recommendations for improvements to the SSOSA process, including the current eligibility criteria, judicial discretion and barriers to accessibility. These recommendations should address any shortages in sex offender treatment or other services employed by this alternative sentence.
2. Review research and make recommendations regarding best practices related to sentencing alternatives for individuals with sexual offenses, including “non-contact” sex offenses.
3. Review research and make recommendations regarding best practices and procedures related to lifetime supervision of adults convicted of sexual offenses to include: the monetary and collateral costs of lifetime supervision; the impact on community safety of lifetime supervision; and any recommendations regarding procedures to end lifetime supervision in individual cases or in its entirety.
4. Review research and current practices and procedures for Failure to Register (FTR) cases and make recommendations regarding how to ensure community safety most effectively while wisely using scarce public resources.
5. Review research and make recommendations regarding best practices for felony “washout” periods for sex offenses, as provided in RCW 9.94A.525(2).
6. Make recommendations regarding sex offender policies and practices related to the above referenced policies, and make recommendations as appropriate regarding improvements to treatment, housing, community re-entry and other relevant policies.

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I request that the SOPB transmit a final report with recommendations on the policy matters enumerated by December 1, 2022. I intend to invite you and other representatives of the SOPB to present and report on these issues to the House Public Safety Committee during a public work session.

Thank you in advance for the efforts of the SOPB members and staff to accomplish this important work. I hope and believe that the information and recommendations from your report will significantly assist the ongoing work of the Legislature and Washington State Criminal Sentencing Task Force.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger E. Goodman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a distinct 'E'.

Representative Roger Goodman
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