



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
Office of the Governor

October 1, 2015

Ms. Kecia Rongen, Chair  
Sex Offender Policy Board  
PO Box 43113  
Olympia, WA 98504-3113

Dear Ms. Rongen:

Pursuant to RCW 9.94A.8673, the Sex Offender Policy Board (SOPB) serves to advise the Governor and the Legislature as necessary on issues relating to sex offender management. The Governor or a legislative committee of jurisdiction may request that the SOPB convene to undertake projects to assist policymakers in making informed judgments about issues relating to sex offender policy.

The Governor wishes to review the state's sex offender registration and notification statutes and practices to ensure that this system comports with the most recent research and best practices to reduce sexual victimization. To that end, our office requests that the SOPB undertake the following projects:

1. Provide summaries of Washington State's current sex offender registration and notification statutes and practices to assist policymakers in evaluating proposed legislative changes;
2. Evaluate Washington State's sex offender registration and notification statutes and the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) established under Title 1 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 to determine which requirements the state has yet to adopt;
3. Survey other states to determine how they have aligned their systems to meet the requirements of SORNA;
4. Offer recommendations as to how the state should proceed in moving further into compliance with SORNA or, if the SOPB determines that it is not in the best interest of the state to adopt a requirement of SORNA, offer an analysis as to why;
5. Offer recommendations as to other changes in sex offender registration and notification statutes that further advance the safety of the public; and
6. Offer recommendations as to other issues related to sexual offending that the SOPB determines could advance the safety of the public through further study.



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Please submit this work product by March 31, 2016, or as close as possible to this date as resources allow. We appreciate the time and expertise of the members of the SOPB and their contribution to helping policymakers make informed decisions for the good of Washingtonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. W. Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicholas W. Brown  
General Counsel