

HB 2627 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines “peer mentor support” and “peer support services.” Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to operate peer managed recovery centers in cities with a population of 100,000 or more. Specifies minimum level of service provision and criteria for recovery centers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies measure. Defines Recovery Community Organization (RCO) as a nongovernmental organization recognized as 501(c)(3) tax exempt, managed by individuals in recovery from substance use disorders, offers peer support services for individuals seeking or in recovery from substance use disorders. Requires OHA to contract with at least four RCOs, each in a different county. Specifies that a RCO under contract with OHA may use an existing nonprofit organization to serve as the organization's fiscal sponsor and solicit and accept funds from public or private sources. RCOs are to be established and operating no later than January 1, 2021. Requires OHA to appoint a full-time Recovery Advocate to administer and be responsible for developing and maintaining the network of RCOs. Authorizes the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission to establish in rule criteria for the selection of locations of RCOs and annual performance goals. Directs OHA to use \$150,000 for outreach in rural areas to help individuals connect with peer support services using telemedicine. Modifies distribution of moneys transferred from Oregon Marijuana Account.

REVENUE: Statement issued: requires further analysis.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

BACKGROUND:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recognize peer-delivery services as a tool for treating behavioral health disorders. Peer-delivered services often involve outreach, social support, problem-solving, help with navigating community and medical services, and recovery promotion such as wellness skills. Such services are provided by individuals who are receiving mental health services or are in recovery from addiction disorders. The Oregon Health Authority operates a training and certification program for peer support specialists.

Based on data (2018 estimates) from Portland State University's Population Research Center, Portland, Eugene, Salem, Gresham, and Hillsboro are incorporated cities with 100,000 or more residents.

House Bill 2627 directs the Oregon Health Authority to operate peer managed recovery centers in cities with more than 100,000 residents.