

SB 22 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends statutes relating to the Patient-Centered Primary Care Home (PCPCH) program standards to include behavioral health homes, requiring the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a program to identify, monitor, and regulate behavioral health homes. Updates language, changing primary care home "certification or accreditation" to primary care home "identification."

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Patient-Centered Primary Care Home Program within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was created in 2009 through House Bill 2009. The purpose of this program is to define core attributes of patient centered primary care homes and behavioral health homes to: ensure care is coordinated; promote a reasonable level of consistency of services; establish a simple and uniform process to identify homes that satisfy core attributes; and develop uniform quality measures as well as policies that encourage the retention and growth of providers.

As part of its responsibility to continuously refine Oregon's public health care system, OHA is required to convene work groups that make a variety of recommendations for best practices of school-based health centers, including recommendations concerning the certification of school-based health centers as patient centered primary care homes. Senate Bill 22 replaces "certification" with "identification" and makes corresponding conforming change to prioritize use of funds to increase the number of school-based health centers identified as patient centered primary care homes, rather than certified.

Senate Bill 22 clarifies application of statutes governing patient centered primary care homes and school-based health centers by distinguishing between primary care homes and behavioral health homes.