

## SB 973 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Health Care

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**Action Date:** 03/11/19

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and be returned to President's desk for referral to another committee.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Fagan, Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

**Fiscal:** May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

**Revenue:** May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/11

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to research behavioral health treatments in other states. Directs OHA to report findings and conclusions to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 20, 2020.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referring the measure to the Senate President

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) brought together a diverse group of people and organizations called the Behavioral Health Collaborative (BHC) comprised of 50 members representing different parts of the behavioral health system. The BHC worked for six months to develop a set of recommendations to transform Oregon's behavioral health system. The recommendations from the BHC are designed to move Oregon towards fully integrating the behavioral health system with physical and oral health care. The recommendations seek to provide equitable behavioral health services for all Oregonians, and remove the silos that hinder an efficient behavioral health system. Oregon policy makers continue to explore policy solutions to address the unmet behavioral health needs in Oregon.

Senate Bill 973 directs OHA to research behavioral health treatments in other states.