

SB 973 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/09/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Fagan, Gelser, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

Prepared By: Channa Newell, Counsel

Meeting Dates: 3/26, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Program. Establishes the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee (BHJRC) within the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). Requires BHJRC to adopt rules on: identification of target populations; methodology for review and approval of grant applications; process for evaluating programs; establishing criteria for alternative grant fund usage; and imposing sanctions for nonperforming grantees or misuse of funds. Specifies process for awarding and distributing funds. Specifies reporting requirements by grantees and CJC. Specifies membership and charge of BHJRC. Establishes quality improvement subcommittee within BHJRC.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Council of State Government process
- Focus of measure on identifying frequent users of emergency departments and jails
- Wrap around services for frequent users to reduce recidivism, hospitalization, and arrests
- State efforts to provide behavioral health

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2018, Oregon has been working with the Council of State Governments' Justice Center team to develop a reinvestment program for behavioral health services.

Senate Bill 973 A establishes the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Program and provides parameters for its operation.