

SB 167 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Williams

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 05/06/19

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 7-0-2-0

Yeas: 7 - Helt, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Mitchell, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams

Exc: 2 - Noble, Zika

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/24, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Updates and expands definition of "program" for purposes of rights of persons receiving publicly funded mental health services, to specify community health programs and public or private entities under contract with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and to include any other providers of community services paid for by OHA.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Clarifies that rights of recipients of mental health care are the same regardless of provider type
- SB 1540 (2018)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1993, individuals who receive publicly funded mental health services in Oregon have been protected by a variety of rights, including the right to reasonable telephone access, to wear their own clothes, to have a written treatment plan, to be kept current on their progress, to be compensated for work, to have daily access to the outdoors, and more recently, reasonable rights of privacy and security while resting, sleeping, and dressing. Due to changes in public financing over time, the evolution of health care delivery generally, and the modernization of corresponding provisions that govern abuse reporting and investigations, these rights are not currently applicable in all settings.

Senate Bill 167 updates and expands the definition of "program" applicable to the rights of persons receiving mental health services, to specify community health programs and public or private entities under contract with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and to include any other providers of community services paid for by OHA, to ensure that all individuals receiving publicly funded mental health services are equally protected.