

SB 1552 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Mental Health

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to continue to administer the certified community behavioral health clinics demonstration project and report findings and analysis to interim committees of Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2020. Outlines issues to be evaluated including access, health outcomes, continuation, costs, alternative payments methodologies, ride-sharing arrangement between state and counties and cost containment. Sunsets June 30, 2021, or earlier if federal funding for demonstration program terminates. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) are clinics designed to provide a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use disorder services, particularly to vulnerable individuals with co-occurring disorders. They were created through Section 223 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA), which established a demonstration program based on the Excellence in Mental Health Act. CCBHCs serve adults and children by providing a comprehensive array of services that are necessary to create access, stabilize people in crisis, and provide the necessary treatment for those with the most serious, complex mental illnesses and addictions. In 2015, Oregon was awarded a planning grant to develop CCHBCs to expand behavioral health services and workforce, pilot alternative payment methods, and align with ongoing health transformation efforts. In 2017, Oregon was awarded a two-year federal demonstration grants which was extended through May 2020. Oregon's CCBHCs are requires to provide crisis mental health services, targeted care management, peer support and family supports, outpatient mental health and substance use services, among other services. As of January 2020, there are more than 20 CCBHCs across Oregon that have met state and federal standards to become a CCBHC.

Senate Bill 1552 requires the Oregon Health Authority to evaluate the state's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and report the Legislative Assembly no later than December 1, 2020.