Senator Roblan

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1552 Relating to behavioral health treatment

SB 1552 requires the Oregon Health Authority to continue the certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration program through the remainder of the 2019-21 biennium or upon termination of federal program support, whichever comes earlier.

The bill directs OHA to evaluate whether CCBHCs increase access to behavioral health services, improve health outcomes, lower the cost of care, and are compatible with the coordinated care system. OHA must also examine potential alternative payment methodologies, risk-sharing arrangements, and cost containment measures, and determine how the program affects the 3.4% rate of growth budgeted for Medicaid expenditures. The evaluation must be reported to the Legislature by December 1st, 2020 and help determine whether the program should be continued or expanded.

The estimated fiscal impact for continuing CCBHC services through the remainder of the biennium and supporting the evaluation is \$15.3 million General Fund and \$62.9 million Federal Funds. With respect to this impact, the Subcommittee stressed the importance of the program evaluation to be data-driven and how the CCBHC model must have a long-term beneficial impact with the delivery of integrated care through coordinated care organizations.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 1552 be amended by the -A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.