

HB 4082 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

Action Date: 02/11/20

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Yeas: 6 - Greenlick, Hayden, Lively, Mitchell, Salinas, Stark

Exc: 1 - Moore-Green

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/6, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Behavioral Health Road Map Commission (Commission), membership, quorum, voting, meeting, and staffing requirements in the Legislative Assembly. Directs the Commission to explain elements of Oregon's Behavioral Health Care system as it currently exists, define the attributes of an ideal community-based health care system, estimate expenditures and identify sources of funding, recommend revenue proposals, highlight workforce needs, and define outcome measurements of an ideal system. Specifies the Commission is to link with the planning and control functions of the executive branch and engage in intragovernmental collaboration. Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staff support. Requires the Commission to submit preliminary budget and policy recommendations no later than November 1, 2020; submit policy implementation recommendations no later than September 15, 2022. Commission is to be fully operational by January 2, 2023 and report to the Legislative Assembly by no later than September 15th of every even-numbered year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possible amendments altering Commission membership to address diversity, equity, and tribal representation
- Participation of consumers
- Coordination with other boards engaged in behavioral health policy
- Participation across the branches of government
- Cost of staffing the Commission

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies whereas statements. Adds "community-based" to the ideal behavioral health care system. Modifies membership by adding the Chief Justice of Oregon Supreme Court or their designee; replaces reference for the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) "director of behavioral health programs" with "Director" of OHA or their designee. Modifies terms for appointed members; allows OHA Director and Chief Justice to serve without a term limit.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's behavioral health system is comprised of public and private entities that provide substance use and mental health services including inpatient hospitalization, crisis services, intensive case management, outpatient and peer-support services, and prevention, among others. The components of the behavioral health system are many and multi-faceted, involving the Oregon State Hospital, acute hospitals, community treatment centers, the criminal justice system, state and local housing programs, and K-12 educational settings. According to Mental Health America, among 15 measures compiled from data collected across all 50 states used to assess prevalence of mental illness and substance use, Oregon ranks at the bottom - 50th. Adults and youth in Oregon have higher

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rates of any mental illness (AMI) and substance use disorder (SUB) compared to other states, and ranks 24th in access to treatment, quality, and cost.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, as of 2019 there were 28 work groups and advisory boards in Oregon related to behavioral health. One of these boards, the Behavioral Health Advisory Council, created by Governor Brown in October 2019 through Executive Order 19-06, is tasked with recommending an action plan to improve the behavioral health system for youth and adults with serious mental illness, including individuals with co-occurring substance use disorders.

House Bill 4082-A establishes a joint legislative commission to design a future integrated behavioral health system in Oregon.