

HB 2086 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs OHA to design a statewide crisis system. Appropriates General Fund money to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish specified behavioral health programs. Directs OHA to continually evaluate and revise administrative rules governing behavioral health programs and services to reduce the administrative burden of documentation for providers seeking certificates of approval. Directs OHA to create a behavioral health incentive fund for recruitment and retention in the behavioral health care workforce to increase the number of people of color, tribal members and rurally based workers. Requires OHA to increase access to services for rural and underserved communities, implement and sustain culturally based practices, and develop curricula for the behavioral health workforce in specific areas. Requires OHA report to Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2022 with recommendations on achieving living wage for behavioral health care workers. Transfers Housing for Mental Health Fund from the Housing and Community Services Department to OHA. Directs OHA to adopt rules for coordinated care organizations to provide housing navigation services and address the social determinants of health. Appropriates General Fund money to the Mental Health Fund to provide incentive funding for the development of new housing including long term care, short term respite care, and independent and integrated housing. Appropriates General Fund money to OHA to increase funding for rental assistance, to create a residential fund to fill gaps in the residential continuum, aid transitions from inpatient care or correctional facilities to the community by providing residential support for those who do not meet the criteria for assertive community treatment, and to fund three secure residential treatment facilities. Declares 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:

The Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Council (Council) was established by Executive Order in October 2019 for the purpose of developing recommendations aimed at improving access to effective behavioral health services and supports for all Oregon adults and transitional-aged youth with serious mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. The Council met 12 times between October 2019 and September 2020 and submitted a report outlining their recommendations to the Oregon State Legislature In October 2020. HB 2086 codifies the recommendations of the council.