

SB 721 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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Meeting Dates: 5/24, 5/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes selection of members of the Consumer Advisory Council (Council) by existing members, or by a seven-member subcommittee appointed by the Council. Refines Council's advisory duties. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 24; Nays, 4--Boquist, Girod, Linthicum, Thatcher; Excused, 2--Frederick, Heard

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the Consumer Advisory Council (Council)
- Importance of consumer voice in behavioral health policy making
- Duties of Council

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is advised on substance use disorder and mental health policies by a Consumer Advisory Council (Council) consisting of 15 to 25 members. Current guidelines governing OHA's appointments to the Council require only that OHA strive for a balance of representation across age, race, ethnicity, and geographic areas of the state.

Senate Bill 721 A authorizes existing members of the Consumer Advisory Council to select new members, or to convene a seven-member subcommittee of current members to select new members.