

HB 3045 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends sunset of the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group to January 2, 2026. Defines "mental health drug." Adds mental health drugs prescribed in the last year to the list of drugs for which OHA may not require prior authorization. Specifies that a claims history must be made available on mental health drugs showing that recipient has been in course of treatment within the last 365 days or that the prescriber has specified that the prescription be "dispensed as written." Directs the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to take recommendations from Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group on mental health drugs. Becomes operative January 2, 2026. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Merits of the bill

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2300, which initially established the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group (Advisory Group) in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The Advisory Group sunset on December 31, 2018. In 2019, Senate Bill 138 re-established the Advisory Group to develop algorithms and recommendations for managing mental health prescription drugs within the Oregon Health Plan.

House Bill 3045 extends the sunset of the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group to January 2, 2026 and takes effect the 91st day following adjournment sine die.