

HB 2585 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 01/28/21

Action: Without recommendation as to passage and be referred to Behavioral Health.

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Campos, Dexter, Drazan, Hayden, Moore-Green, Noble, Prusak, Salinas, Schouten

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 1/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Imposes requirements upon mental health treatment professionals and programs to ensure culturally and linguistically affirmative mental health services for individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing. Prohibits denial of access to culturally and linguistically affirmative mental health services based on residual hearing ability or previous experience with alternative mode of communication. Requires Oregon Health Authority to appoint advisory committee to advise authority on development and implementation of statewide access by individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing to culturally and linguistically affirmative mental health services and programs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Re-referral of the measure to House Committee on Behavioral Health.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: