

HB 3123 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

Action Date: 03/22/21

Action: Do pass. Refer to Ways and Means.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Lively, Moore-Green, Nosse, Reynolds, Salinas, Sanchez, Sollman, Wright

Exc: 1 - Morgan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to continue to administer the certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHC) demonstration project and report findings and analysis to interim committees of Legislative Assembly by September 30, 2023. Specifies issues to be evaluated. Sunsets December 31, 2023, or earlier if federal funding for demonstration program terminates. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal extension in December 2020 CARES Act
- Operations of current certified community behavioral health clinics
- Utility of co-locating mental and physical health services

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs) are designed to provide a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use disorder services, particularly to vulnerable individuals with co-occurring disorders. They were created through Section 223 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA), which established a demonstration program based on the Excellence in Mental Health Act. CCBHCs serve adults and children by providing a comprehensive array of services that are necessary to create access, stabilize people in crisis, and provide the necessary treatment for those with the most serious, complex mental illnesses and addictions. In 2015, Oregon was awarded a planning grant to develop CCBHCs to expand behavioral health services and workforce, pilot alternative payment methods, and align with ongoing health transformation efforts. In 2017, Oregon was awarded a two-year federal demonstration grant which was extended through May 2020. Oregon's CCBHCs are required to provide an array of services, including crisis mental health services, targeted care management, peer support and family supports, and outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services. As of January 2020, there are more than 20 CCBHCs across Oregon that have met state and federal standards to become a CCBHC.

House Bill 3123 requires the Oregon Health Authority to evaluate the state's CCBHCs and report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 30, 2023.