

**SB 721 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Taylor

**Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery**

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**Action Date:** 04/08/21

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Anderson, Gelser, Lieber, Robinson, Taylor

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Prepared By:** C. Ross, Counsel

**Meeting Dates:** 3/23, 4/8

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**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*.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces Oregon Health Authority (OHA) appointments to the Consumer Advisory Council from list of candidates provided by the Council, to selection of members by existing members, or by a seven-member subcommittee of the Council selected by existing members.

**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.