

SB 721 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

Action Date: 05/03/21

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

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Bonham, Boshart Davis, Breese-Iverson, Bynum, Clem, Evans, Fahey, Grayber, Holvey, Post

Exc: 1 - Witt

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/3

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:

- Referral to Behavioral Health Committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Consumer Advisory Council (Council) advises the Director of the Oregon Health Authority on the agency's provision of mental health services. Council membership consists of 15 to 25 members appointed by the Director, who must strive to balance representation across age, race, ethnicity, and geographic areas of the state.

Senate Bill 721 A modifies the appointing authority for Council membership; instead of the OHA Director appointing members, the existing members of the Consumer Advisory Council will select new members or convene a seven-member subcommittee of current members to select new members. The measure also clarifies that the role of the Council is to advise on mental health and substance abuse disorder services, and to review and approve specific agency policy proposals.