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Title: <u>SB 85</u>, CW: Qualified Residential Treatment Programs Omnibus

Concept:

<u>Senate Bill (SB) 85</u> proposes several Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP) technical fixes including:

- Work requirements for providers to allow for respite.
- Alignment of intensive behavioral support services to conform with Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS) standards.
- Makes exceptions to transportation requirements for minors related to health and safety.
- Extends timeframes required for QRTP temporary placements and hearings.
- Clarifies expectations around the use of telehealth options for QRTP placements.
- Changes current requirements to encourage proactive reporting on sexual orientation of youth by the department.

History:

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature set parameters for the use of QRTPs. The intent was to align state and federal law. Through the implementation and rulemaking process it became clear further clarification was needed.

Impact if not passed:

Failure to clarify expectations related to telehealth options could reduce use and increase costs for providers.

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