

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 12: Oregon Health Authority Substance Use Disorder Provider Accreditation

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Valderrama

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means acknowledge receipt of a report reviewing the work of the Substance Use Disorder Accreditation Advisory Group and recommendations to the Legislature developed by the Oregon Health Authority regarding a path to accreditation for organizational substance use disorder treatment providers.

A budget note in the primary budget bill for the Oregon Health Authority directed the agency to review the work of the Advisory Group and specifically address the cost of accreditation and the administrative burden of recognizing accreditation. The report reviewed the final recommendations made by the Advisory Group, which included a recommendation that all substance use disorder treatment programs become accredited by one of three national accrediting bodies. The Health Authority noted concerns that were raised regarding the accreditation mandate and stated that it would need to maintain certain rights regarding regulation of providers regardless of recognizing accreditation. The report indicated that some medium-sized organizations that have gone through the accreditation process have reported costs of between \$130,000 and \$200,000. The Health Authority recommended that if accreditation is required, the process be funded by the state and presented an estimate of \$11.8 million to subsidize accreditation over three years.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.