

SB 401 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 1/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study the condition of tardive dyskinesia. Requires OHA to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2024. Provides that the report may include recommendations for legislation. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, tardive dyskinesia is a movement disorder characterized by uncontrollable and repetitive movements of the face, torso, and other parts of the body. The condition is caused by prolonged use of antipsychotic drugs used to treat schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and depression. A meta-analysis published in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry found that 25.3% of people treated with first- and second-generation antipsychotic drugs experience tardive dyskinesia.

Senate Bill 401 directs the Oregon Health Authority to study tardive dyskinesia and to submit a report, which may include recommendations, to the interim committees on health care by September 15, 2024.