

SB 432 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a program to increase consumer involvement in decisions about behavioral health services. Requires OHA to enter contracts with peer-run organizations and to provide with technical and financial support for activities that promote consumer engagement. Requires OHA to establish rules for peer-run organizations that receive funding. Peer-run organizations contracting with OHA are required to submit annual progress reports to OHA. Appropriates funds. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Defines “consumer supporter technical assistance center.” Removes specific requirement for consumer participation on local public safety advisory subcommittee.

BACKGROUND:

In the context of consumer and peer-run organizations, “consumer” means a person who has received or is receiving behavioral health services. A “peer-run organization” is an organization whose decisions are made by people who have received behavioral health services.

According to the Oregon Health Authority’s Behavioral Health Policy program, peers are the experts on their own lives and the services that most benefit them ([link](#) to Office of Consumer Activities). ORS 430.475 requires that on task forces, commissions, and advisory groups primarily related to mental health services, at least twenty percent of participants must be consumers.

Senate Bill 432 requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop a program to increase consumer involvement in decisions about behavioral health services.