

HB 2543 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in consultation with counties and community mental health programs (CMHPs), to conduct study every four years to determine funding required by CMHPs to provide statutorily required functions. Requires report to be posted on OHA's website. Requires first report to be completed by January 1, 2025.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Moves up required report on specified services and functions to January 1, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Assembly has established the legislative intent that mental health and developmental disability services be delivered in the community in order to achieve maximum coordination of service and minimum disruption in the life of the person receiving services. (ORS 430.610). This legislative intent also requires the state to encourage, aid, and financially assist its county governments in the establishment and development of community mental health programs to provide prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for people with behavioral health, and alcohol and drug dependency issues. With funding from state and federal sources, community mental health programs (CMHPs) are required to provide an array of services, including crisis intervention and stabilization, screening, outpatient services, aftercare for persons released from hospitals, and residential care and treatment services.

House Bill 2543 would require the Oregon Health Authority to, every four years, study the funding required by community mental health programs to provide the statutorily required services and supports in their communities.