

HB 2463 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene two work groups to study statutory and regulatory framework for publicly funded behavioral health systems and make recommendations to reduce administrative burdens on behavioral health care providers and increase system efficiencies. Specifies membership and duties of work groups. Requires authority to report recommendations of work groups for legislative changes to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health no later than September 15 of each even-numbered year. Requires OHA to explore changes to existing Oregon Administrative Rules to reduce administrative burdens on behavioral health workforce; work with coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to clarify the role of CCOs in credentialing and assessing mental health and chemical dependency treatment providers; and evaluate licensing, certification, and audit procedures to identify and eliminate undue administrative burdens on behavioral health care provider organizations. Sunsets January 2, 2027. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impacts of administrative requirements on consumers access to behavioral health services
- Current redundant and inconsistent auditing of behavioral health care providers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Health Authority, historic underfunding of the state's behavioral health system has produced a patchwork system of care delivery and oversight that is complex, fragmented, and lacking in clear tracking measures. In 2021, the Oregon legislature invested \$1.35 billion in the state's behavioral health system to improve the state's behavioral health crisis system, support the implementation of Measure 110 (2020), increase access to residential treatment, and support behavioral health workforce recruitment and retention.

House Bill 2463 would require the Oregon Health Authority to convene two work groups to study the statutory and regulatory framework for the state's publicly funded behavioral health systems and make recommendations to reduce administrative burdens on behavioral health care providers and increase system efficiencies.