

SB 303 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires psilocybin service center collect and maintain specified data and submit aggregated data to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on quarterly basis. Allows client of psilocybin service center to request psilocybin service center not to submit client's data to OHA. Requires OHA to submit information to Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to enable evaluation of psilocybin service center outcomes. Requires OHA to aggregate and annually make public specified psilocybin service center license information. Becomes operative January 1, 2025. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure 109 (2020) and therapeutic use of psilocybin
- Value of data in Measure 109 rollout
- Potential for federal drug enforcement action in state
- Workload impact on OHA of data collection
- Gaps in data to be collected

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Psilocybin is a naturally occurring psychedelic compound found in fungi that has been used for centuries by Indigenous and Tribal communities for spiritual, ceremonial, and other purposes. A growing body of research has demonstrated benefits of psilocybin-assisted therapy for anxiety, depression, and various addictions. In 2018, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation for psilocybin-assisted therapy for depression. In November 2020, Oregon voters passed Ballot Measure 109 directing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to create a program to permit licensed service providers to administer psilocybin-producing mushroom and fungi products to individuals 21 years of age or older. OHA began accepting applications for licensure as a psilocybin service center in January 2023.

In July 2021, the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board recommended developing a process, using deidentified information to assess psilocybin service center outcomes. In December 2022, OHA adopted final rules for Oregon Psilocybin Services program data collection, allowing the reporting of deidentified data by psilocybin service centers and permitting service center clients to opt-out of data sharing.

Senate Bill 303 A would require psilocybin service centers to collect, maintain, and submit specified data to enable the evaluation of service center outcomes. The measure would also require the Oregon Health Authority to annually publish specified psilocybin service center license information.