

SB 968 A -A2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 5/3, 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies duties of System of Care Advisory Council. Specifies directive to conduct joint studies on any matter within the council's jurisdiction by agreement with Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority, Department of Education, coordinated care organizations, and any other state entity and provide recommendations to directors of those entities, including the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. Modifies requirement for council to update plan for coordinated state system of care to January 1 of every fourth year beginning in 2026.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 23; Nays, 6; Excused, 1

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 Allows persons appointed to council who are under age 25 to continue to serve past that age.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

The Systems of Care Advisory Council was established in 2019 by Senate Bill 1, which emerged out of a 2018 work group convened by the Governor, President of the Senate, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to address systemic challenges in addressing the needs of children with mental or behavioral health needs across the state's juvenile justice, child welfare, and health care systems. The 25-member council consists of representatives from across state government as well as health care organizations and providers, advocates, and members of the public with lived experiences in these systems. The council maintains a [data dashboard](#) and is responsible for coordinating and [reporting](#) on efforts to improve outcomes for youth across the systems of care.

Senate Bill 968 A modifies the duties of the System of Care Advisory Council.