

HB 2542 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 03/06/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-1-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Bowman, Dexter, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Morgan, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Nays: 1 - Conrad

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/31, 3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to require substance use disorder (SUD) treatment programs to obtain accreditation from national accrediting body. Specifies that SUD treatment programs accredited through national accrediting body meet certificate of approval criteria. Requires OHA to offer administrative, financial, and technical support to treatment programs seeking accreditation. Takes effect on 91st following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- House Bill 2257 (2019) and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Accreditation Advisory Group recommendations
- Benefits of accreditation of SUD programs
- Potential impacts of accreditation process on licensing timelines
- Entities accreditation process would apply to
- Applicability to current providers and potential for impacts on treatment access
- Accreditation processes in other states

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Directs OHA to require SUD treatment programs to obtain accreditation from national accrediting body. Specifies that SUD treatment programs accredited through national accrediting body meet certificate of approval criteria. Requires OHA to offer technical support, in addition to administrative and financial support, to treatment programs seeking accreditation.

BACKGROUND:

Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) are treatable, chronic diseases characterized by a problematic pattern of substance use leading to impairments in health, social function, and control over substance use. According to the 2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 40.3 million Americans, aged 12 or older, had an SUD in the past year.

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2257, declaring SUD as a chronic illness. The measure also directed the Oregon Health Authority to convene an advisory group to make recommendations for accreditation requirements for SUD providers. The Substance Use Disorder Treatment Accreditation Advisory Group recommended that the state require SUD programs become accredited by a national accrediting body.

House Bill 2542 A directs the Oregon Health Authority to require substance use disorder treatment programs to obtain accreditation from national accrediting body consistent with the recommendation of the Substance Use Disorder Treatment Accreditation Advisory Group.