

HB 2543 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 03/21/23

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, Conrad, Dexter, Goodwin, Javadi, Morgan, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Nays: 1 - Diehl

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

Prepared By: Brian Nieubuert, LPRO Analyst

Meeting Dates: 3/8, 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in consultation with counties and community mental health programs (CMHPs), to conduct a 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 on specified services and functions to be completed by January 1, 2024, and first complete report by January 1, 2025. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of information and data in making behavioral health funding decisions
- Funding sources for CMHPs to provide required services
- Recent increase in demand for services required to be provided by CMHPs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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 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 A requires the Oregon Health Authority, every four years, to study the funding required by community mental health programs to provide the statutorily required services and supports in their communities.