

HB 2544 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 03/21/23

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Bowman, Conrad, Dexter, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Morgan, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 3/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority for costs related to increasing statewide capacity of licensed residential facilities serving individuals with substance use disorders or mental health concerns.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- \$130 million investment made in 2021 (House Bill 5024)
- State's behavioral health bed capacity needs
- Gaps in access to substance use disorder treatment
- Types of facilities funding will support

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Residential Treatment Homes (RTH), Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF), and Secure Residential Treatment Facilities (SRTF) provide housing and treatment services to adults diagnosed with a qualifying mental illness and are staffed 24 hours a day. The capacity of a RTH is up to five residents and the capacity of an RTF and SRTF is 6-16 residents, though there are few contracted facilities that provide services for 16 or more residents. Between September 2021 and September 2022, the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, in collaboration with the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission and Oregon Health Authority, conducted an assessment of the state's substance use disorder (SUD) services. The resulting *Oregon Substance Use Disorder Services Inventory and Gap Analysis* report found a 54 percent gap in SUD treatment facilities needed statewide.

House Bill 2544 appropriates funds to the Oregon Health Authority for costs related to increasing statewide capacity of licensed residential facilities serving individuals with substance use disorders or mental health concerns.