

## SB 432 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Health Care

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**Action Date:** 03/27/23

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

**Vote:** 5-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Bonham, Campos, Hayden, Patterson, President Wagner

**Exc:** 1 - Gorsek

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/1, 3/27

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop a program to increase consumer involvement in decisions about behavioral health services. Defines "consumer" and "consumer supporter technical assistance center." Requires OHA to enter into contracts with peer-run organizations and to provide technical and financial support for activities that promote consumer engagement. Directs OHA to establish rules for peer-run organizations that receive funding, including annual reporting requirements. Removes specific requirement for consumer participation on local public safety advisory subcommittee. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirement for consumer participation in behavioral health decision-making

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Modifies the measure. Excludes from "consumer" an individual who receives compensation from the state for work as an employee or a contractor within the mental or behavioral health systems.

#### BACKGROUND:

In the context of consumer and peer-run organizations, "consumer" means a person who has received or is receiving behavioral health services. A "peer-run organization" is an organization whose decisions are made by people who have received behavioral health services.

According to the Oregon Health Authority's Behavioral Health Policy program, peers are the experts on their own lives and the services that most benefit them ([link](#) to Office of Consumer Activities). In Oregon, task forces, commissions, and advisory groups primarily related to mental health services must include consumers.

Senate Bill 432 A requires the Oregon Health Authority to develop a program to increase consumer involvement in decisions about behavioral health services.