

SB 968 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Reynolds

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Action Date: 05/10/23

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 6-0-4-0

Yeas: 6 - Andersen, Hartman, Nelson, Neron, Nguyen H, Reynolds

Exc: 4 - Cramer, Elmer, Hieb, Scharf

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/3, 5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies duties and membership of System of Care Advisory Council. Allows persons appointed to council who are under age 25 to continue to serve past that age. 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Local governance of system of care through coordinated care organizations
- Collaboration between council, state agencies, and stakeholders
- Ability to address behavioral challenges across landscape

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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

BACKGROUND:

The System 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.

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