

SB 729 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure expands a prohibition against denying access to mental health services to individuals up to age 21 with intellectual and developmental disabilities to include all public bodies and individuals of all ages. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2024, the legislature enacted [Senate Bill 1557](#), which directed the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to guarantee access to mental health services to eligible youth up to age 21 under the Community First Choice option for the state Medicaid plan, commonly known as the "K Plan." The bill also mandated systemic integration between OHA and the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to improve availability of services to youth involved in multiple systems of care, including the child welfare, developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, and special education systems. Additionally, the bill prohibited OHA and other health and medical providers from denying access to mental health services on the basis of an individual's intellectual or developmental disability.