

HB 2059 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a unit dedicated to developing facilities that provide adult behavioral health services across state trauma system regions, specifies types of facilities to be developed, and directs OHA to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly.

Detailed Summary

- Directs OHA to establish a unit dedicated to developing facilities that provide adult behavioral health services across state trauma system regions. Specifies that the unit shall develop plans and provide funding for construction and staffing of new adult behavioral health facilities. Specifies what should be included in plan development, including entities for collaboration.
- Applies to inpatient psychiatric facilities, residential treatment facilities, secure residential treatment facilities, residential treatment homes, adult foster homes, residential substance use disorder treatment programs, and crisis facilities.
- Directs OHA to submit an annual report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health by September 15 beginning in 2026.
- Sunsets on January 2, 2031.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure.

Detailed Summary

- Establishes the Residential Behavioral Health Capacity Program within OHA for the purpose of funding behavioral health programs determined by OHA to increase statewide capacity of residential behavioral health services.
- Directs OHA to develop guidelines for distributing funding that incorporate regional partner and practitioner input. Specifies that guidelines shall include, but are not limited to: the impact of a program on the statewide residential behavioral health capacity as identified in the Residential Plus study, the ability of a program to quickly use funding, the bed-to-cost ratio of a program while prioritizing shovel-ready projects, statewide geographic equity, program impact on individuals who have been committed to OHA or the Oregon State Hospital, and local community input.
- Directs OHA to distribute funding in a manner that follows developed guidelines and is determined likely to have the greatest immediate impact on community needs for increased capacity of withdrawal management, residential treatment, and psychiatric inpatient facilities.
- Appropriates \$90,000,000 from the General Fund for the 2025-2027 biennium to carry out measure provisions.
- Sunsets on January 2, 2027.
- Declares an emergency, takes effect July 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2024 a [report](#) was published on behalf of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) offering a point-in-time assessment of Oregon's behavioral health facilities. The Residential Plus study included an assessment of the availability and need for inpatient psychiatric, residential mental health, substance use disorder, and crisis facilities. The report also utilized Oregon's trauma system areas to contextualize statewide facilities and need. There are seven trauma system areas covering Portland and the north coast, the mid-Willamette valley and north central coast, the south Willamette valley and the south coast, the Columbia Gorge, central Oregon, and eastern Oregon. The Residential Plus study included recommendations to address workforce issues to increase capacity and increase the number of residential treatment and crisis center facilities available.

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