

SB 47 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure eliminates certain public entities and changes who has authority to appoint members, or approve appointments of members, to serve on others.

Eliminates certain public entities. The measure eliminates the public entities listed below.

- Spinal Cord Injury Research Board and Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund
- Oregon Community Power
- Employee Suggestion Awards Commission
- Jobs Plus Advisory Board
- Poison Prevention Task Force
- Task Force on Resolution of Adverse Health Care Incidents
- (Duties transferred to the Oregon Patient Safety Commission)

Changes appointment, or authorization, authority

Family Services Review Commission. The authority to appoint members is shifted from the Governor to the Director of Human Services.

Mental Health Advisory Board and Disability Issues Advisory Committee. The requirement for the Governor to the approve appointments made by the Director of the Oregon Health Authority is removed.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendments do five things, which are listed below.

- Maintain Oregon Community Power
- Eliminate the Family Services Review Commission, and references to the Commission
- Eliminate the Mental Health Advisory Board and Disability Issues Advisory Committee
- Add a definition for "person with a disability" to the statutes governing Local Advisory Committees under Mental Health Diversion Programs
- Renumber the sections accordingly

Fiscal impact: Minimal impact

Revenue impact: No impact

BACKGROUND:

Spinal Cord Injury Research Board

The board has 11 members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. It may issue grants from the Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund to organizations to conduct research programs focusing on the treatment and cure of spinal cord injury. It must provide a biennial report to the Governor and Legislative Assembly summarizing the statutes of appropriated funds.

Oregon Community Power (OCP)

OCP is a publicly owned utility with a mission to provide reliable, low-cost electricity to consumers. It is regulated by the Public Utility Commission and is governed by a board of seven directors, appointed by the Governor and

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confirmed by the Senate.

Employee Suggestion Awards Commission

The commission has seven members who are appointed by the Governor. It formulates, establishes, and maintains an employee suggestion program designed to encourage and reward commendable state employees, with the goal of promoting the effectiveness and efficiency of state government.

Jobs Plus Advisory Board

The board advises the Department of Human Services about the JOBS Plus Program. It has seven members who are appointed by the Governor. The JOBS Plus Program is charged with increasing the employability of unemployed and underemployed Oregonians through on-the-job training through public-private partnerships, with the goal of helping people transition from dependence on public assistance to regular employment.

Poison Prevention Task Force

The Task Force is part of the Poison Center of the Oregon Health and Science University. It has five members, including three appointed by the Governor. It is charged with reviewing, granting, or denying requests for exemptions and extensions of certain household poison control requirements. It also obtains and evaluates statewide poisoning incidence and severity data every two years.

Task Force on Resolution of Adverse Health Care Incidents

The Task Force has 14 members who are appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor. It is charged with evaluating the implementation and effects of statutes concerning the resolution of adverse health care incidents, and reporting to the Legislative Assembly.

Family Services Review Commission

The commission has up to 16 members who are appointed by the Governor. It is charged with advising, and consulting with, the Director of the Human Services Department on issues affecting the experience and equitable attainment of successful outcomes for families and individuals seeking stability and self-sufficiency through the department's programs.

Mental Health Advisory Board and Disability Issues Advisory Committee

The board has 15 to 20 members, appointed by the Director of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), with the approval of the Governor. It is charged with assisting OHA in planning and preparing administrative rules for the assumption of responsibility for psychiatric care in state and community mental health programs. Other duties specified in rule. The committee makes recommendations to the board.