

HB 2202 -1 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the Oregon Health Authority to study certain provisions of the Oregon Revises Statutes (ORS) chapters 414 and 430 for outdated language and to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health by September 15, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Addressing existing administrative burden by updating existing statute is needed to support behavioral health providers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure.

- Clarifies language in ORS 414 and 430.
- Adds document standards or requirements for specified services to coordinated care organization (CCO) annual reporting requirements.
- Adds the nine Federally recognized American Indian tribes to the governments that the state shall support in developing community mental health and developmental disabilities programs.
- Directs OHA to accept standards of a national accrediting body for accrediting mental health and substance use disorder treatment providers. Requires OHA to post the national accrediting body standards that meet OHA's quality standards to its website.
- Clarifies that the duties of an investigator working on behalf of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) may go beyond solely conducting and reporting investigations of abuse if the department has addressed any potential conflicts of interest with the employer in a written agreement.
- Requires county multidisciplinary team to report to the district attorney instead of the Department of Justice and Criminal Justice Commission.
- Requires OHA to convene accreditation advisory committee annually rather than as needed.
- Allows a report of abuse to ODHS to be made in written form and submitted electronically.

Fiscal impact: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4092 (2024) directed the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct a study with the Oregon Council for Behavioral Health in order to evaluate existing statutes, administrative rules, and contracts related to local behavioral health programs, identify contradictions and/or redundancies in the statutes, and make recommendations to support reducing the administrative burden on local behavioral health programs. A report on preliminary findings was submitted to the Legislative Assembly in December of 2024 that included the recommendation that terms related to funding-dependent treatment services should be streamlined and applied consistently throughout ORS chapters 414 and 430.

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PRELIMINARY