

HB 2502 -2, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (ADPC), System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to take specified actions to improve the availability of substance use disorder (SUD) services for youth.

Detailed Summary:

- **School-Based SUD Study**
 - Requires ADPC, in collaboration with SOCAC, OHA, and ODE to study the feasibility of increasing school-based substance use prevention, screening, intervention and referral programs.
 - Requires study to examine programs operating K-12 schools that include specified elements.
 - Requires ADPC to report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026 and specifies recommendations to be included in the report.
- **Comprehensive Plan for Youth Continuum of Care**
 - Requires ADPC, in collaboration with SOCAC, to develop a comprehensive plan for a youth continuum of care to prevent, treat, and provide SUD recovery services.
 - Requires plan to include recommendation statutory, regulatory, and funding changes.
 - Requires all state agencies that serve youth to participate in plan's development and implement any changes identified by plan.
- **Recovery School Grants**
 - Requires OHA, in partnership with ODE and ADPC, to provide grants to approved recovery schools for specified services and costs.
- **Public Education Campaign**
 - Requires ADPC, in partnership with OHA to establish a multimedia public education and awareness campaign about SUD, community resources, and education opportunities
- **Technical Assistance**
 - Requires ADPC, in partnership with the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), to provide education and technical assistance to providers of youth SUD treatment and early intervention
- Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Correlation between youth drug experimentation and adult addiction.
- Availability of drugs for youth vs. availability of addiction treatment.
- Savings achieved by recovery schools.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure.

Removes requirements for school-based SUD study, comprehensive plan development, public education campaign, and technical assistance. Permits recover school grant funds to be used on other start-up or operating costs. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: *Has minimal fiscal impact*

REVENUE: No revenue impact

-3 Replaces the measure.

Requires the Department of Education to award grants to approved recovery schools to offset screening costs, provide capacity for recovery services and treatment, and fund other start-up or operating costs. Establishes the Approved Recovery School Fund for purpose of awarding grants. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

According to the 2022 Student Health Survey, Oregon's substance use disorder rates for youth age 12 - 17 (5.77 percent) and young adults age 18 - 25 (17.49 percent) are higher than the national rates for comparative age groups (4.08 percent and 14.59 percent respectively). The survey also found that drug overdoses have increased for youth ages 10 - 17 and young adults ages 18 - 24; with deaths in the latter group increasing from about 40 in 2017 to 75 in 2021.

The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (ADPC) is an independent state agency tasked with improving the effectiveness and efficiency of state and local SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery services in Oregon. The System of Care Advisory Council was established by Senate Bill 1 (2019) and is tasked with improving the effectiveness and efficacy of child service state agencies and the continuum of care that provides services to youth ages 0 - 25 and their families.

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