

SB 47 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure eliminates the Spinal Cord Injury Research Board and Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund, Employee Suggestion Awards Commission, JOBS Plus Advisory Board, Poison Prevention Task Force, Family Services Review Commission, Mental Health Advisory Board, and Disability Issues Advisory Committee. It also eliminates the Task Force on Resolution of Adverse Health Care Incidents and transfers its duties to the Oregon Patient Safety Commission. The measure also makes conforming changes to reflect the repeal of these entities.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 27; Excused, 3

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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.

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

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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 primarily 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. The committee makes recommendations to the board.