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To: Human Services Subcommittee
From: Chelsey Herrmann, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 11, 2025
Subject: SB 844 – Relating to public health
Work Session Recommendations

SB 844 modifies updates provisions relating to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) opioid and opiate reporting, psilocybin investigations, environmental health and wastewater specialist and trainee eligibility requirements, and clinical laboratory requirements. The measure directs the OHA to provide medical assistance to individuals who are eligible for pre-release medical assistance benefits. Designees of a correctional facility may apply for medical assistance on behalf of a currently incarcerated individual to establish that individual's pre-release medical assistance benefits. The measure takes effect January 1, 2026.

There is a -A2 amendment, which makes technical changes and removes section 44, which required OHA to enroll individuals who are eligible for pre-release medical assistance benefits in the correct benefit package and allowed a designee of a correctional facility to establish pre-release medical assistance benefits for an individual who is incarcerated.

A staff measure summary, fiscal impact statement and revenue impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A2 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A2 amendment to SB 844. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 844, as amended by the –A2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 844, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: