

SB 920 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Bonham

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Action Date: 03/25/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Anderson, Gorsek, Patterson, Reynolds

Nays: 1 - Linthicum

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon State University Extension Service (OSU Extension) to administer a behavioral health promotion project in Oregon.

Detailed Summary:

Directs OSU Extension to convene local committees from across the behavioral health sector, to facilitate community conversations about mental health and substance use, and to contribute to any follow-up actions taken by counties or regions that participate in the project. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of the measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon State University Extension Service (OSU Extension) runs community education programs across 34 of Oregon's 36 counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. OSU Extension program areas include 4-H youth development, family and community health programs, and outdoor school, among others. OSU Extension runs behavioral health programming across rural Oregon through the Agristress Hotline, the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network, and Coast to Forest: Mental Health Promotion in Rural Oregon.

Senate Bill 920 directs OSU Extension to oversee a project to accelerate the promotion of behavioral health in Oregon.