

HB 2924 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Carrier: Rep. Nosse

Action Date: 04/03/25
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 7-0-2-0
Yeas: 7 - Hartman, Javadi, McIntire, Nguyen H, Nosse, Ruiz, Walters
Exc: 2 - Elmer, Scharf
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/1, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure increases the size of the System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC) from 25 to 29 members and specifies the qualifications of the new members.

Detailed Summary:

- Increases the membership of SOCAC from 25 to 29 Governor-appointed members.
- Adds two members, for a total of four members, to SOCAC who are members of the public and are family members of individuals
 - with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DDs) or mental illness, or
 - who are currently or previously in the foster care system or youth criminal justice system.
- Adds two members, for a total of four members, to SOCAC who are members of the of the public aged 25 or younger and are
 - a person with IDD or mental illness, or
 - currently or previously involved with the child welfare or juvenile justice system.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly passed [Senate Bill 1](#), which established the Governor’s [System of Care Advisory Council \(SOCAC\)](#) to improve state and local systems that serve youth by centralizing statewide policy development and planning. The council's goal is to improve the effectiveness and efficacy of child-serving state agencies and the continuum of care for services to youth, including behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, child welfare, juvenile justice, and education. [Senate Bill 4 \(2021\)](#) directed SOCAC to appoint an executive director and allowed SOCAC to submit proposals for legislative measures, among other changes.

SOCAC currently consists of 25 members appointed by the Governor. Membership includes representatives of various state agencies, Oregon’s federally recognized Tribes, mental health professionals, and advocacy organizations, as well as members of the public with lived experience with the child welfare or juvenile justice systems.