

HB 2239 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 04/08/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Diehl, Harbick, Isadore, Javadi, McIntire, Munoz, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure defines recovery residences and allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), coordinated care organizations (CCOs), and county behavioral health departments to contract with a recovery residence that is certified through a national recovery residence organization.

Detailed Summary

- Defines terms, including "recovery residence" and "recovery residence certifying organization."
- Directs OHA, CCOs, and county behavioral health departments to only contract with recovery residences that receive certification through a national recovery residence organization.
- Directs OHA, CCOs, and county behavioral health departments to report evidence that a certified recovery residence has engaged in fraud to OHA and any state-based affiliate of a national recovery residence organization.
- Becomes operative on January 1, 2026. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The importance of safeguarding the use of public funding through adoption of recovery residence standards
- The need to ensure that the adoption of standards does not limit the development of additional recovery residences
- Impact on recovery residences that are not currently accredited

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ([SAMHSA](#)) defines recovery housing as safe, healthy, family-like, substance-free living environments that support individuals in recovery from addiction. Often called recovery residences, these home-like settings are intended to support individuals released from residential inpatient treatment programs or from custody from the justice system. Recovery residences are particularly important for individuals in the early stages of recovery as they support building of social capital and access to recovery supports, such as facilitating access to employment and housing.

The Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon ([MHACBO](#)) was founded in 1977 to provide certification for behavioral health workers in order to assure minimum standards of competence, accountability, and evidence-based practices. MHABO has approximately 10,000 certified members, including qualified mental health professionals and associates, certified alcohol and drug counselors, and peers, among others. MHACBO maintains a voluntary [registry](#) of recovery residences in Oregon that is populated by agencies and individual recovery residences. Currently, the registry reports 18 recovery residences with 216 total beds.

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