

HB 2924 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Reynolds

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 04/29/25

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Gelser Blouin, Linthicum, Nash, Prozanski, Reynolds

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 4/29

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 (IDD) or mental illness; or
 - Who are currently or were previously involved with 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 who:
 - Are persons with IDD or mental illness, or
 - Are currently or were previously involved with the child welfare or juvenile justice system, rather than a ward, youth, or adjudicated youth.

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. [Senate Bill 968 \(2023\)](#) made clarifying modifications to the qualifications for youth members on the council and to its duties to study issues within its jurisdiction.

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.