

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass
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Yeas: Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
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Meeting Dates: 1/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer programs to assist in the development of drug and alcohol-free housing. Changes name of Eastern Oregon Psychiatric Center to Blue Mountain Recovery Center. Specifies suitable facility for defendants under the age of 18 who are under court-ordered psychological observation and examination may be a secure intensive community inpatient facility designated by DHS. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Measure is statutory catch-up on changes that have already occurred at DHS

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendments.

BACKGROUND: Alcohol and drug free houses support treatment and recovery services in a community by assisting recovering persons to maintain an alcohol and drug free lifestyle. The Oregon Legislature gave approval in the DHS 2003–2005 budget for funds to be used to enhance alcohol and drug services throughout Oregon. Subsequently, the Addiction and Mental Health Division (AMHD) designated some of those funds to create alcohol and drug-free housing. DHS currently has the statutory authority (ORS 430.335) to sponsor research of alcoholism and drug dependence, coordinate with public and private programs relating to alcoholism and drug dependence, apply for federal grants for the study, prevention and treatment of alcoholism and drug dependence, all subject to the availability of funds. This measure allows DHS to use available funds to assist in the development of alcohol and drug-free housing.

Under current law, ORS 161.315, the state may file notice to have defendants examined by at least one psychiatrist or psychologist. Upon filing the notice, the court may order the defendant committed to a state institution or any other suitable facility for observation and examination. This measure specifies that a secure intensive community inpatient facility designated by the DHS is a suitable facility.