

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Carter, Gordly, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Kruse, Morrisette
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Meeting Dates:	2/6, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates a 27-member Task Force on Mental Health and Addiction Services for Underserved Populations. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Identification and definition of underserved populations
- Mental illness among seniors and people with disabilities
- Lack of integrated services for seniors, people with disabilities and minority communities
- Recommendations of the 2001 Governor's Commission on Senior Services Study *Mental Health and Addiction Needs of Oregon's Baby Boomers*
- Department of Human Services support of the bill and potential fiscal impact
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases the Task Force from 24 to 27 members. Specifies that the additional members represent the Department of Corrections who provide treatment and services for persons with mental illness, one public employee who is a member of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; and one public employee who is a member of Service Employees International Union.

BACKGROUND: Currently in mental health services, emphasis is placed on a younger and more mobile clientele, and more acute forms of illness. Statistics show fewer than five percent of the total clientele served by Community Mental Health Programs are age 65 years and over, and less than one percent of the clientele served by alcohol and drug providers are age 65 years and above. There is little, if any, data on the mental health and addiction problems of people with physical disabilities. Proponents assert that there are few services within the public or private mental health systems that respond to the mental health needs of the senior or disability populations.

SB 1075A creates a 27-member task force that is directed to develop a plan for a comprehensive, integrated system of mental health and addiction services for seniors, persons with disabilities and persons in underserved racial or ethnic communities.