74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2008 Special Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

SB 1089 A

Means by prior reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Morrisette, Monnes Anderson

Nays: 0 **Exc.:** 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to contract with a private entity or individual to conduct an assessment and evaluation of the community mental health care component of the mental health care delivery system. Directs DHS to utilize existing reports relating to mental health. Appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to DHS to conduct assessment and evaluation, and to submit findings to interim health care committees by October 1, 2008. Sunsets January 2, 2009. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the bill
- Proposed goals of the analysis
- Education and understanding for future investments
- Proposed funding, cost of analysis and expectations of the outcomes
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to contract with a private entity or individual to conduct an assessment and evaluation of the community mental health care component of the mental health care delivery system. Adds the Judicial Department to the systems included in the assessment. Directs DHS to utilize existing reports relating to mental health.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's mental health system is complex. Services and funding are distributed to a wide range of public and private agencies, programs and service providers. During the 2007 Legislative Session, a coalition of stakeholders advocated for funding, totaling \$116 million, to stabilize and improve the mental health system for adults and children. The coalition received \$25 million in new funding to apply to the current delivery system.

SB 1089A directs DHS to conduct an analysis to examine mental health funding and services across all agencies.