

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vote: 8 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei

Nays: Freeman

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/27, 4/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Instructs the Department of Education, Oregon Youth Authority, Department of Human Services and State Commission on Children and Families to take part in developing an integrated system of care to facilitate a planning process for youth at risk of developing emotional, behavioral or substance abuse related needs, utilizing their families, and community and natural supports to provide a flexible group of services in a customized plan that reflects the youth and family's needs, values and preferences. Directs that plan goals and strategies be tied to observable or measurable indicators of success. Directs that the agencies implement the wraparound initiative to the extent practical. Allows agencies to combine funding sources and seek federal approval or waiver. Establishes advisory committee to report progress to the Legislature. Defines in detail family, family run organization, identified population, partner agency, services and supports, system of care and wraparound as pertains to the goals of HB 2144. Establishes core values and principles of the wraparound initiative. Identifies implementation factors to be in place by 2015. Permits agencies to adopt rules in collaboration for implementation of wraparound services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislation required for agencies to work together
- Ensuring this is not another level of bureaucracy
- Treating individuals as a whole
- Removing restrictions on workers
- Blending funding mechanisms

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Defines in detail family, family run organization, identified population, partner agency, services and supports, system of care and wraparound as pertains to the goals of HB 2144. Establishes core values and principles of the wraparound initiative. Identifies that implementation factors be in place by 2015. Permits agencies to adopt rules in collaboration for implementation of wraparound services.

BACKGROUND: This legislation is a result of the Wraparound Initiative Steering Committee (WISC) vision for a statewide Wraparound Initiative and fulfills a steering committee recommendation for codification. WISC was charged with creating a plan to:

- Provide services and supports as early as possible so that children can be successful in their homes, schools and communities;
- Make services available based on the individual needs of the child and family, rather than on system requirements; and
- Maximize the resources available to serve children and families across systems, to most appropriately and effectively meet the physical and mental health needs of Oregon's children.

Proponents of this legislation assert that it will help agencies build a framework for a coordinated, connected system of care. HB 2144 will result in the treatment of children, families and community resources as a whole and use blended funding sources to eliminate the fragmented treatment that occurs when system clients encounter numerous levels of bureaucracy that look at individuals in terms of available funding streams rather than customized treatment needs.

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