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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows Oregon State Hospital, Blue Mountain Recovery Center, or Eastern Oregon Training Center, to contract or appoint a Chief Medical Officer, who may be employed by or receive compensation from outside sources concurrent with their appointment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Duties and responsibilities of Chief Medical Officer
- Contract versus full-time unclassified employment status
- Chief Medical Officer availability if concurrently employed

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No Amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Human Services (DHS) operates three state institutions for individuals with mental disabilities in Oregon. Oregon State Hospital, located in Salem; Blue Mountain Recovery Center, and Eastern Oregon Training Center both located in Pendleton, OR. The superintendent serves as chief medical officer, if licensed as a physician in Oregon. If the superintendent is not a physician, then the Director of Human Services contracts with or appoints a physician to serve as chief medical officer. Recruitment and hiring of physicians to serve as chief medical officer has been a challenge for DHS, and SB 155, by authorizing DHS to hire or contract for a chief medical officer who may be concurrently employed, allows for immediate and stable employment of medical/physician coverage at the three state institutions. For example, contracting with a Psychiatrist who is employed by Oregon Health Sciences University as the Chief Medical Officer allows DHS to contract concurrently within the limits of the SB 155. Eastern Oregon has traditionally been a geographic area where physician coverage and availability is sometimes limited. Therefore, it may be necessary to contract with a physician who is also employed by another medical organization in the same geographic area.

SB 155 allows for concurrent compensation and/or employment under certain circumstances, authorized by the Department of Human Services.

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