75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Human Services & Rural Health Policy

MEASURE: SB 401 A
CARRIER: Sen. Courtney
Sen. Winters

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Telfer, Verger, Morrisette

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a plan to increase the availability of supervision and treatment in underserved regions for those individuals conditionally released by the Psychiatric Security Review Board and for assignment to appropriate committee. Requires a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly of the Department's implementation plan. Sunsets January 2, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Community outreach prior to home or facility being sited
- Review of current and future local housing needs
- Information gathering on where and what types of community-based housing are needed
- Department indicated no fiscal impact to agency; part of ongoing planning and development process
- Review of graph denoting individuals under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board
- Equalization of beds throughout the state
- Civil versus forensic patients
- Notification of amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Redirects the Department of Human Services report to the presiding officers for assignment to the appropriate committee, rather than automatic assignment to the Judiciary committee.

BACKGROUND: Adult Mental Health Services (AMH), Addictions and Mental Health Division, Department of Human Services, works in conjunction with the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) as treatment and services are provided to those under PSRB jurisdiction. As a result of the Governor's PSRB siting workgroup, AMH and the PSRB, in concert with community partners, developed forums to identify the need for further residential development throughout the state.

Senate Bill 401-A addresses areas of concern, including: (1) Patients – placements are consolidated and are often far away from their support network, which may be detrimental to recovery process; (2) Municipalities – concentration of these facilities can overburden specific cities and counties with an abundance of facilities vying for limited resources, while at the same time not allowing other communities employment and economic development opportunities provided by these centers.