

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	3 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Kruse, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Knopp, Shields
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Permits minor 14 years of age or older to obtain, without parental knowledge or consent, outpatient diagnosis or treatment of mental or emotional disorder or chemical dependency from professional counselors and marriage and family therapists licensed by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. Exempts professional counselors and marriage and family therapists from civil liability for certain disclosures and provision of diagnosis or treatment to minors.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Reasons teens would seek help
- Support system for teens in crisis
- Increased access to mental health providers
- Provisions of the bill

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, Oregon statute allows a teen 14 years of age or older to consent to a variety of outpatient mental health and chemical dependency treatment services by a physician, a psychologist, a nurse practitioner, and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, without parental knowledge or consent.

Senate Bill 491 adds Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists to this list of providers.