

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Knopp, Kruse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Steiner Hayward
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/9, 4/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Oregon Health Authority create new programs and expand existing programs to increase statewide capacity for mental health services for children, young adults, families and schools, and to serve individuals with mental illness. Establishes six-member Mental Health Oversight Committee (MHOC) to monitor implementation. Requires MHOC report annually to Legislative Assembly. Sunsets MHOC January 2, 2016. Becomes operative January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Investments in mental health programs
- Gaps in current behavioral health services
- Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA)
- Impacts of mental illness
- Personal experiences with mental illness
- Consequences of inadequate treatment options

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Establishes a six-member Mental Health Oversight Committee composed of three Senators and three Representatives. Requires committee report annually to Legislative Assembly. Members entitled to compensation. Adds January 2, 2016 sunset date to Mental Health Oversight Committee.

**BACKGROUND:** On February 6, 2013 Senate President Peter Courtney called on members of the Oregon Legislature to make a “game changing” increase in funding for community mental health services in Oregon a top revenue and budget priority. Statistics indicate that one in eight children, and one in 18 adults in Oregon suffers from mental illness. The Oregon Health Authority also reports that the state is currently serving less than half the adults and slightly more than one-third of the young people who need treatment.

Senate Bill 823-A outlines a series of behavioral health investment strategies that are designed to create a network of services to meet behavioral health needs of Oregonians. The programs will be administered through the Oregon Health Authority, which is directed to contract with local county health departments and additional local providers to deliver the services.

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