

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) compensate members of Consumer Advisory Council for council-related activities. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Barriers to appointment of council members
- Composition of council
- Scope of council responsibilities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Consumer Advisory Council (the Council) is responsible for reviewing the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA's) provision of behavioral health services. It is one of four standing advisory groups, and made-up entirely of consumers. OHA attempts to appoint members from all over the state, to achieve a representative balance of consumers by age and geographic area. Council members travel to Salem every other month, and are currently prohibited from receiving any compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

Senate Bill 229 lifts the prohibition against compensation and expenses for Council members performing Council duties.