

HB 2936

Relating to substance abuse treatment

HB 2936 defines a sobering facility as a center that provides acutely intoxicated persons with a safe, clean, supervised environment until sobriety. The bill requires these facilities to adopt policies in consultation with addiction treatment programs or providers. The bill extends civil and criminal immunity to new sobering facilities for actions taken in good faith, on probable cause, and without gross negligence. The Oregon Health Authority is directed to maintain a registry of sobering facilities. In addition, the bill adds a sobering facility as an alternative to other locations, such as a home or a treatment facility, that law enforcement could take intoxicated persons.

The proposed amendment includes Oregon State Police in the definition of “police officer,” and specifies that “police officer” includes a member of a law enforcement unit who is commissioned or employed part-time and full-time.

The fiscal impact of this bill is minimal.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2230 be amended by the -B20 amendment and be reported out do pass as amended.