

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/10/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/05, 02/10

Senate

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Olsen, Monnes Anderson, Kruse

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) compensate members of Oregon 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) 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. The Council members travel to Salem every other month, and are currently prohibited from receiving any compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

Senate Bill 229 requires OHA compensate members of the Council, at its discretion, and reimburse actual travel expenses.