

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/13/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 04/27, 05/13

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

Exc: 1 - Keny-Guyer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires members of the Consumer Advisory Council, who advise the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Director on provisions of mental health services, to be compensated by OHA for performing duties of the council.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current barriers for Council members
- Council composition and advisory role
- Regional representatives and financial strains

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Consumer Advisory Council (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 Council members, at its discretion, and reimburse for actual travel expenses.