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Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/05/16

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 02/01, 02/05

Vote:

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

Exc: 1 - Buehler

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits all health professional boards to contract to establish impaired health professional program for their licensees of the appropriate board. Requires the program to meet requirements for impaired health professional program contracted for or established by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Establishes the Impaired Health Professional Program Work Group to consist of designees of health professional licensing boards that choose to contract for an HPSP program. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current process that has OHA providing monitoring services contract
- Impact since implementation of the Health Professionals' Services Program (HPSP)
- Positive relationships between participating boards and the monitoring programs
- Potential cost savings by direct board contracting process
- Concerns associated with removing OHA from the process
- Importance to maintain safeguards and sideboards on the contracting process.
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Permits health licensing boards to work together to coordinate the administration of the HPSP beginning in the 2017-19 biennium. Deletes OHA as the entity required to establish and administer the program. Establishes the Impaired Health Professional Program Work Group to consist of designees of health professional licensing boards that choose to contract for an HPSP program.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Health Professionals' Services Program (HPSP) is a monitoring program for health professional licensees with substance use disorder, mental health disorder or both disorders. Currently, the Board of Dentistry, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board participate in the HPSP and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) can provide the HPSP monitoring services or contract with a vendor to provide the services. The HPSP was created in 2009 and since the beginning there has been one vendor that OHA contracts with, Reliant Behavior Health.

House Bill 4016-A allows the participating boards, and any future participating boards, to provide the administrative role to contract directly with a vendor to provide the monitoring.