

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/16/16

**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/16

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Shields, Steiner Hayward

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Permits health profession licensing boards to establish or contract together to establish impaired health professional program for licensees of boards. Permits boards to consult with each other to adopt rules related to impaired health professional program. Establishes Impaired Health Professional Program Work Group to facilitate establishment and continuation of impaired health professional program. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Review of Health Professionals' Services Program (HPSP)
- Administrative costs
- HPSP monitoring services

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**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 services.