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To: Education Subcommittee
From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: March 22, 2017
Subject: HB 2319 Relating to mental health agencies
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2319 merges the administration, regulatory oversight, and centralized service of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists with the State Board of Psychologist Examiners to form the Oregon Mental Health Regulatory Agency. The boards will continue to maintain separate authority over consumer protection and determining the qualifications of their respective regulated professions. The two boards will jointly appoint the director for the Oregon Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Health Care on 2/15/2017 and 3/8/2017.

The staff measure summary and the fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

Fiscal impact

Passage of this bill is anticipated to realize efficiencies and savings for the two boards. The budgetary impact of this bill is addressed in SB 5513, the budget appropriation bill for the Oregon Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

MOTION: I move HB 2319 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.

Carriers

Full: Senator/Representative _____

House: Senator/Representative _____

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