

SB 944 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 4/12, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Human Services to study effectiveness of local community partnerships in mental health and addiction services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities and report to Legislative Assembly by September 1, 2018. Sunsets December 31, 2018.

FISCAL: May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

REVENUE: May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of amendment
- Misalignment of services and patients
- Fiscal impacts and source of funding
- Importance of broad, centralized coordination of services

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Establishes Youth Acute Behavioral Health Leadership Council (Council) in Governor's Office. Requires Council develop proposal for centralized coordination of behavioral health services for certain children and adolescents. Requires Council to report recommendations to Legislative Assembly by October 1, 2018. Sunsets Council provisions January 2, 2021.

Requires Governor to appoint Behavior Health Policy Advisor to coordinate state behavioral health services. Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to contract with nonprofit organization for 24-hour call center related to placement of children needing high acuity behavioral health services. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to facilitate local community partnerships to support the development of programs related to mental health and addiction services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and for training for relevant care professionals. Senate Bill 944 requires DHS to study the effectiveness of local community partnerships in providing mental health and addiction services and report to the legislature by September 1, 2018.