

**HB 2176 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Stark

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 04/18/17

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 9-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sanchez, Stark, Williamson

**Exc:** 2 - Sprenger, Vial

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes counties to use funds, directly allocated to counties and as Oregon Health Authority provided match, from Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services Account, for sobering facilities. Exempts sobering facilities from obligation to report specified data to Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Cost of operating sobering facility
- Local control of treatment funds
- Oregon Health Authority report on sobering facilities

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2015, the Legislative Assembly adopted legislation requiring the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to maintain a registry of sobering facilities. To qualify for registration, a sobering facility must partner with a treatment provider and consult with the provider in the adoption of safety policies and procedures. The legislation provided two levels of criminal and civil immunity to sobering facilities, based on the date the facility is registered, and capped at three the number of facilities OHA could register across the state.