

**HB 2175 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:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Removes limitation on number of sobering facilities that may be registered. Requires registration materials to be sent by certified mail.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Expense associated with police officers transporting intoxicated individuals to hospital
- Relationship between sobering facility and detoxification facility
- Mental health assessment and exit counseling
- 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 is required to 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. House Bill 2175 eliminates the cap on the number of facilities that OHA may register and requires that registration materials be sent via certified mail.