

HB 2175 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 05/17/17

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Thatcher

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:

- Sobering facility as alternative to jail or hospital
- Exit counseling
- Existing sobering facilities
- Detoxification 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 provides two levels of criminal and civil immunity to sobering facilities, based on the date the facility registers, and caps at three the number of facilities OHA can 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.