

HB 2176 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

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: 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:

- Existing funds
- County discretion

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 caps at three the number of facilities OHA can register across the state.