

**SB 973 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to research, study, and compare behavioral health treatments in other states. Requires report to interim committee relating to judiciary no later than September 20, 2020.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Establishes the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Program within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). Establishes the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee (BHJRC). Requires CJC to adopt rules on: identification of target populations; methodology for review and approval of grant applications; process for evaluating programs; establishing criteria for alternative grant fund usage; and imposing sanctions for nonperforming grantees of misuse of funds. Specifies process for awarding and distributing funds. Specifies reporting requirements by grantees and CJC. Specifies membership and charge of BHJRC. Establishes quality improvement subcommittee within BHJRC.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 2018, Oregon has been working with the Council of State Government Justice Center team to develop a reinvestment program for behavioral health services.

Senate Bill 973 is the placeholder for this program.