HB 3281 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to research, study, and compare behavioral health treatments in others states. Requires report no later than September 15, 2020.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Establishes the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Program within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. 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; program evaluation; criteria for alternative grant fund usage; and sanctions for nonperforming grantees or misuse of funds. Specifies process for awarding and distributing funds. Specifies reporting requirements by grantee 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 Governments Justice Center team to develop a reinvestment program for behavioral health services.

House Bill 3281 is the placeholder for this program.