

SB 1 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Statewide System of Care Task Force, staffed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in consultation with the Department of Human Services (DHS), comprised of 22 appointees as specified. Requires Task Force to make recommendations to OHA, the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), and DHS for maintaining and strengthening system of care and reducing barriers to implementation. Directs Task Force to develop, monitor and update a data dashboard to include specified regional and statewide information. Requires series of reports from Task Force to Legislature and Governor regarding data dashboard and barriers to implementation of system of care, and recommending legislation to establish a single statewide system of accountability and to take advantage of funding opportunities. Appropriates General Fund moneys to OHA for implementation. Allows OHA, OYA, and DHS to contract with public or private providers to establish regional evaluation and care teams to serve youth as specified. Appropriates \$10,400,000 from the General Fund to DHS for implementation of care teams. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure. Establishes System of Care Advisory Council to improve the effectiveness and efficacy of state and local systems of care that provide services to youth by centralizing an impartial forum for statewide policy development and planning. Directs Council develop and maintain state system of care policy and comprehensive, long-range plan for coordinated state system of care that encompasses public health, health systems, child welfare, education, juvenile justice and services and supports for mental and behavioral health and people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Requires plan to include certain recommendations and include 25 appointed members as specified. Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) staffing in coordination with Department of Human Services (DHS).

Requires Council conduct joint studies by agreement with other state agencies, boards or commissions on any matter within its jurisdiction; provide recommendations to OHA, OYA, and DHS for maintaining and strengthening system of care and reducing barriers to implementation; and to monitor and update Children's System Data Dashboard as specified on a continual basis. Require series of reports from Council to Governor and Legislature regarding data dashboard and barriers to implementation of system of care, and recommending legislation establishing single statewide system of accountability and taking advantage of funding opportunities.

Appropriates \$2,000,000 from General Fund to Council for establishment and implementation of Council, data dashboard, and reports.

Allows OHA, OYA, and DHS to contract with public or private entities to establish interdisciplinary assessment teams to provide services to youth. Directs interdisciplinary assessment teams to evaluate youth; increase statewide education, consultation and telemedicine capacity; and prioritize evaluation, assessment and stabilization services provided to youth in specific circumstances. Appropriates \$10,400,000 from the General Fund to OHA for implementation of interdisciplinary assessment teams.

REVENUE: Revenue impact issued.

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FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

BACKGROUND:

The Children and Youth with Specialized Needs work group formed in January of 2018 under the sponsorship of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The work group formed as a response to address the unique challenges of children with unique mental or behavioral health needs who come to the attention of different systems (such as the juvenile justice system, the child welfare system, or the health system). Senate Bill 1 is a result of the recommendations from the Children and Youth with Specialized Needs work group.