

HB 2691 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes statutory authority for the Oregon Psychiatric Access Line (OPAL) in the Oregon Health and Science University. Requires OPAL to provide telephone or electronic real-time psychiatric consultations, from 9am to 5pm all business days, to primary care providers who care for patients with mental health disorders. Requires psychiatrists providing advice to primary care providers through access line be informed by guidelines in Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan or recommended by Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Initially focusing on children, the Oregon Psychiatric Access Line (OPAL) was established in 2013 with funding from the Oregon Legislative Assembly. A collaboration between Oregon Health and Science University's Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Adult Psychiatry, the Oregon Pediatric Society, and the Oregon Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, OPAL provides free, same-day, Monday through Friday, child & adult psychiatric phone consultation to primary care providers in Oregon.

House Bill 2691-A establishes statutory authority for OPAL to provide real-time psychiatric consultation services to primary care providers who care for patients with mental health disorders.

HHC Vote: 11-0

House Floor Vote: 58-0