

## **SB 1 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Meeting Dates:** 6/6

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes 25-member System of Care Advisory Council (Council) to improve state and local systems that serve youth, by centralizing statewide policy development and planning. Directs Council to develop and maintain state system of care policy and comprehensive, long-range plan for coordination of 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. Requires support from Oregon Health Authority (OHA) 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 Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), OHA, and DHS; and monitor and update Children's System Data Dashboard as specified on a continual basis. Requires series of reports from Council to Governor and Legislative Assembly regarding data dashboard and barriers to implementation of system of care, and recommending legislation to establish a statewide system of accountability and to take advantage of funding opportunities. 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.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-A4 Updates definition of "system of care;" specifies that awarding grants from available funds is a duty of the Council; revises reporting requirement related to providing recommendations for funding grants to local systems; removes appropriations and emergency clause

##### **BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 1 is a product of the Children and Youth with Specialized Needs work group that was formed in January of 2018 by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to address unique challenges faced by children with distinctive 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 establishes a System of Care Advisory Council (Council) to improve the effectiveness and efficacy of state and local systems of care that provide services to youth. The measure directs the Council to develop and maintain a state system of care policy and a comprehensive, long-range plan for a 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. The Council is required to submit a series of reports to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly regarding barriers to implementation, and to recommend legislation to establish a single statewide system of accountability and take advantage of funding opportunities. Finally, Senate Bill 1 allows the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Youth Authority, and the Department of Human Services to contract for interdisciplinary assessment teams to provide services to youth, increase statewide capacity, and prioritize evaluation, assessment, and stabilization services provided to youth in specific circumstances.