

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2257
Relating to drugs

HB 2257 declares substance use disorder (or SUD) as a chronic illness, enhances access to SUD medication assisted treatment, and requires a study on the treatment of persons with SUD in the corrections system. The measure also establishes a framework for the adoption of SUD accreditation standards and requires the Oregon Health Authority to establish a pilot project to treat pregnant women with SUD. This pilot project is based on the Project Nurture program and allows for the use of peer mentors, doulas, and any SUD treatment necessary during the first year after an infant's birth.

The Subcommittee recommended changes to the bill by providing flexibility in the number of counties involved in the pilot project and by removing a General Fund appropriation included in the bill. The estimated cost of the pilot project in 2019-21 is \$2.5 million General Fund, which will be appropriated in OHA's budget bill.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2257 be amended by the -A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.