

**HB 2638 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Rep. Sanchez**House Committee On Health Care****Action Date:** 03/21/19**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 10-0-1-0**Yeas:** 10 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas**Exc:** 1 - Greenlick**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Oliver Droppers, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 1/24, 3/14, 3/21**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expands and modifies membership of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (Commission); removes reference to minimum number of Governor's appointees; requires at least 75 percent to represent public health and health care; 25 percent to represent public safety; adds social services providers; and specifies inclusions of addiction prevention and recovery services providers. Allows the Commission director to recommend replacement if a member is absent from more than two consecutive scheduled meetings. Modifies the definition of alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment program in Oregon by adding "tribal."

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Breadth and expertise of individuals that serve on the Commission
- Expanding representation on the Commission
- Addiction crisis; barriers to accessing treatment services
- Relationship and role of the executive director with the Commission
- Importance for public safety officials to serve on the Commission

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Removes reference to minimum number of members appointed by the Governor. Modifies composition to specify at least 75 percent from public health and health care, 25 percent from public safety, adds social services providers, and includes providers of addiction prevention and recovery services. Restores circuit court judge as a nonvoting member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Removes representation by a coordinated care organization as a nonvoting member. Allows the Director of the Commission to recommend replacement of a member for more than two consecutive absences from scheduled meetings. Modifies the definition of alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment program in Oregon by adding "tribal."

**BACKGROUND:**

The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (Commission) was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2009. It was charged with planning to fund and deliver effective drug and alcohol treatment and prevention services. The Commission has varied in size over time, with 20 commissioners as of 2019. Its composition ensures a certain cross-section of representation but its ability to function efficiently is sometimes inhibited by its size and meeting formalities. In 2015, Senate Bill 951 simplified the Commission's objectives and sought to resolve long-standing quorum issues. In 2018, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 4137 to require the Commission to develop preliminary recommendations for the scope and framework of its comprehensive addiction, prevention, treatment, and recovery plan to be completed by July 1, 2020. The measure also directed the Commission to review and update the comprehensive plan every two years, and required the Governor to appoint a director and to establish the director's functions and powers.

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House Bill 2638-A changes the composition of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission.