

**SB 133 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Mitchell

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 05/21/19

**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

**Vote:** 10-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Alonso Leon, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

**Exc:** 1 - Boles

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/21

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits substance abuse, problem gambling, and other behavioral health service providers from accepting fees, commissions, bonuses, rebates, or other compensation for patient referrals. Prohibits false advertising that mis-states or misrepresents eligibility to participate in medical assistance programs and/or the need for an Oregon resident to obtain services out of state. Takes effect the 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Prohibitions established by measure
- Patient brokering and false advertising by treatment centers in other states

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The opioid crisis has raised alarm and increased awareness about the impacts of substance abuse disorders and mental health issues generally. It has also resulted in an increase in the number of providers and entities that offer treatment and recovery services outside traditional health care settings, where regulation may be inadequate or nonexistent. Several states have taken steps to prohibit predatory or unethical referral, brokering, and marketing practices in the area of addictions treatment.

Senate Bill 133-A similarly protects consumers in Oregon, by prohibiting kickbacks and false or misleading advertisements by substance use, problem gambling, and other behavioral health service providers.