

SB 1553 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Mental Health

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 2/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), under direction of Oregon Health Policy Board and in collaboration with specified stakeholder groups, to identify, assess and prepare report on regulatory and policy barriers to effective and timely behavioral health treatment, including for individuals with co-occurring disorders. Defines types of behavioral health treatment and co-occurring disorders. Requires OHA to submit report to legislative interim committees and subcommittees related to health and mental health by Sept 15, 2020. Specifies report be accompanied by a description of steps OHA has taken to reduce barriers to access and recommendations for comprehensive legislation in 2021 to ensure individuals with co-occurring disorders have access to timely and effective treatment.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A co-occurring disorder (also known as a dual diagnosis) is a diagnosis of a mental health disorder along with a diagnosis of substance use disorder or problem gambling. Executive Order No. 19-06 named treating individuals with co-occurring disorders a priority for the Governor’s Behavioral Health Advisory Council.

Senate Bill 1553 directs the Oregon Health Authority to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020 on regulatory and policy barriers to accessing behavioral services for individuals with co-occurring disorders.