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To: Members of the House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health

From: Oliver Droppers, Legislative Analyst

Re: Committee drafts for introduction on Thursday, January 13, 2022

LC 171 Authorizes the Director of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to appoint members to the Consumer Advisory Council (Council) from a list of consumer candidates submitted by existing consumer members on the Council, or by a seven-member subcommittee appointed by the Council. Expands and modifies the Council's advisory duties as permitted by federal law and in accordance with existing Oregon law (ORS [430.073](#), 2019).

LC 194 Modifies eligibility criteria for financial incentives to support Oregon's behavioral health workforce to increase access to community-driven, culturally specific and responsive services. Creates a new category of licensed marriage and family therapists and professional counselors, "Associate." Defines "Associate" as an individual working towards licensure and registered for post-degree supervised clinical experience.