

HB 3111 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to contract with at least four Recovery Community Organizations (RCO) to operate four recovery centers, each in a different county. Specifies activities RCOs must include. Allows RCOs to use an existing nonprofit organization as its fiscal sponsor and solicit and accept funds from public and private sources. Directs OHA to appoint a full-time Recovery Managers responsible for creating and managing peer recovery support, including developing and maintaining the network of RCOs. Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission to adopt criteria for selection of locations and local partners, and annual performance goals for RCOs. Requires OHA to report on RCOs achievement of annual performance goals. Directs OHA to allocate \$150,000 for outreach to individuals living in rural areas to connect them with peer recovery supports including telemedicine. Requires RCOs be established and operating no later than January 1, 2022. Takes effect 91st day after adjournment sine die.

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:

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recognize peer-delivery services as a tool for treating behavioral health disorders. Peer-delivered services often involve outreach, social support, problem-solving, help navigating community and medical services, and recovery promotion such as wellness skills. Such services are provided by individuals who are receiving mental health services or are in recovery from addiction disorders. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) operates a training and certification program for peer support specialists.

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