

HB 3045 -1, -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/10, 3/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends sunset of the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group to January 2, 2026. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group
- Cost of mental health drugs
- Barriers to accessing mental health drugs
- Regulations of pharmaceutical representatives

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Creates new provisions amending ORS 414.025, 414.325 and 414.361. Defines mental health drug. Provides exception for Oregon Health Authority to pay for non-generic mental health drugs in which prescription specifies "dispense as written." Adds mental health drugs prescribed in the last year to the list of drugs for which OHA may not require prior authorization. Directs the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to take recommendations from Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group on mental health drugs. Becomes operative January 2, 2026.

-3 Creates new provisions amending ORS 414.025, 414.325 and 414.361. Defines mental health drug. Adds mental health drugs prescribed in the last year to the list of drugs for which OHA may not require prior authorization. Specifies that a claims history must be made available on mental health drugs showing that recipient has been in course of treatment within the last 365 days and that the prescriber has specified that the prescription be 'dispensed as written'. Directs the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee to take recommendations from Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group on mental health drugs. Becomes operative January 2, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2300, which initially established the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group (Advisory Group) in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The Advisory Group sunset on December 31, 2018. In 2019, SB 138 reestablished the Advisory Group to develop algorithms and recommendations for managing mental health prescription drugs within the Oregon Health Plan.

House Bill 3045 extends the sunset of the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group to January 2, 2026 and takes effect the 91st day following adjournment sine die.