HB 3035 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 4/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates standards for provision of health care and continuity of care within correctional facilities. Creates health navigator positions to be located within the Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities and local correctional facilities, to be funded by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA); sets minimum qualifications and duties. Requires that no later than 48 hours after a person is committed or transferred to the DOC or booked into a local correctional facility, staff of the facility shall assess the person's health care needs, address any immediate medical needs and contact the person's primary health care provider, as identified by the person. If the person is enrolled in a coordinated care organization or prepaid managed care health services organization, requires staff to contact the appropriate organization to determine the health care provider. Requires that a person in custody receive a copy of medical records upon release. Requires DOC and localities that operate correctional facilities report to the Legislative Assembly each biennium. Appropriates unspecified amount from the General Fund to OHA for health navigator positions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Directs the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a healthcare navigator pilot program within Coffee Creek, to include intake health assessments indicating low, moderate or high risk. Directs that within 90 days after the effective date of the act, the health assessment will be available on DOC's website. Requires assessments to be completed within two business days after a person enters custody.

Creates healthcare navigator positions who are not employees of DOC. Describes duties of the position. Directs DOC, in consultation with OHA, to develop related rules, including a process by which adults in custody (AIC) may appeal decisions made by department medical staff. Requires data concerning appeals be available on DOC's website.

Upon release of the AIC, the DOC and healthcare navigator must offer copies of medical records to the AIC and verify that data is in a health information exchange system. Directs DOC to anonymously survey participants in the program. Requires the the DOC to report specific data to the Legislative Judiciary and Health Care Committees every six months, beginning December 31, 2021.

Appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to OHA to fund the healthcare navigator positions. Declares emergency, effective on passage. Sunsets June 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND: