

SB 721 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 3/23, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Consumer Advisory Council, or a seven-member committee appointed by the Council, to submit a list of candidates for Council membership to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Refines Council's advisory duties. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die* adjournment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment dated 3/19/21] Replaces OHA appointments to the Consumer Advisory Council from list of candidates provided by the Council, to selection of members by existing members, or by a seven-member subcommittee of the Council selected by existing members.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is advised on substance use disorder and mental health policies by a Consumer Advisory Council consisting of 15 to 25 members. Current guidelines governing OHA's appointments to the Council require only that OHA strive for a balance of representation across age, race, ethnicity and geographic areas of the state.

Senate Bill 721 requires the Council to submit a list of potential candidates for OHA to consider when appointing new members.