

SB 4 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/3, 6/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022, to improve coordination of youth mental health services. Sunsets January 2, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Gives System of Care Advisory Council (Council) authority to appoint Executive Director. Executive Director shall be in exempt service, shall be responsible for performance of duties assigned by Council, and may employ staff to carry out duties. Directs Council and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to enter into interagency agreement for roles and duties for coordinated state system of care. Agreement must ensure Council's independence for policy and use of Council funds. Directs Department of Human Services and OHA to prepare and submit semi-annual coordinated state system of care expenditure reports to Council and Legislative Assembly no later than April 1 and October 1 of each year. Requires first report on April 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1, enacted in 2019, appropriated \$12,400,000 to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and a newly-established System of Care Advisory Council to develop and implement a comprehensive, long-range plan for a coordinated network of care for youth with distinctive mental or behavioral health needs across systems of health care, public health, education, child welfare, and juvenile justice, and included authority for certain state agencies to contract with interdisciplinary assessment teams.

Senate Bill 4 requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022, to improve coordination of youth mental health services.