

HB 3035 A -A5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/14, 6/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the 11-member Task Force on Corrections Medical Care charged with conducting a review of: the process by which adults in custody of the Department of Corrections file grievances concerning access to and the provision of medical care; the current medical care standards of care in DOC to determine whether the standards align with the right of adults in custody to community-level medical care; and the timelines and goals for the adoption of an electronic health records system by DOC.

The Task Force is required to submit a report to the Legislature by September 15, 2022. The Task Force sunsets on June 30, 2023. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2021.

Beginning December 31, 2021 and every six months thereafter, DOC is required to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary and health care the following information: The Department's progress on the adoption of an electronic health records system; the number of grievances filed by adults in custody concerning the provision of medical care; the medical services available to adults in custody within department facilities; and, if applicable, the progress and impact of a DOC program that assigns health care navigators to adults in custody.

In addition, the measure directs DOC, in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary and health care by December 31, 2022 the health outcomes concerning all adults in the DOC custody. DOC will use existing staff and resources to participate on the Task Force and to comply with reporting requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The amendment which replaces the measure
- Fiscal impact of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A5 Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Health care services to adults in custody (AICs) are governed by ORS 423.020, which requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to provide adequate health and medical care for confined persons. Healthcare navigator activities are funded in the Oregon Health Authority's budget.