

HB 4070 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 2/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Incorporates substance use disorder policy and peer constituency participation into the composition of the Consumer Advisory Council (the Council) and into its role within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Makes explicit that the Council is a representative body, facilitating the participation of peer constituents of its membership. Specifies that the Council provides feedback on select, anonymized site reviews related to the provision of subject services, and issues a variety of other policy advice, experience, concerns, and recommendations as specified. Directs OHA to select appointees to the Council from a list of candidates provided by the Council, or by a seven-person committee within the Council, that assumes responsibility for balanced representation, instead of OHA making appointments directly. Adds gender identity to the list of factors guiding balanced representation on the Council. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die* adjournment.

Minimal fiscal impact; no revenue impact.

House committee: unanimous.

House floor: unanimous.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is advised on addictions and mental health policies by a Consumer Advisory Council (the Council). OHA currently appoints 15-25 members directly to the Council who have experience receiving services, and it must consider age, race, ethnicity, and geographic areas of the state, to try and achieve a balance of representation.

The Council was established in 2007 via Senate Bill 364 and originally operated within the Department of Human Services (ODHS), which was directed by the measure to adopt policies respecting self-determination for individuals receiving mental health or addiction services. At that time, only age and geography were factors to guide the balance of appointments. The Council was originally allowed, but not required, to evaluate all site reviews that were related to the provision of mental health services. The measure also required 20 percent consumer representation, balanced by age, across specified commissions, task forces and other advisory groups concerned with addiction or mental health issues. The Council's operation and responsibility for appointments were transferred to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in 2009, pursuant to House Bill 2009, consistent with federal laws concerning parity as between different forms of health care; and in 2015, race and ethnicity were added to age and geography, to guide the balance of appointed consumers, via Senate Bill 229.

House Bill 4070 explicitly incorporates substance use disorder policy and peer constituency participation into the composition of the Council and into its function within OHA. The measure also adds gender identity to the list of

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considerations for balanced Council membership that currently includes age, geography, race, and ethnicity, and makes the Council responsible for identifying potential candidates for OHA to select appointees from, instead of OHA making appointments directly.

PRELIMINARY