

SB 629 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 2/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases the number seats on the Oregon State Hospital Advisory Board (“Board”) for consumers and family members of consumers of mental health services. Decreases the number of seats for advocates and health care professionals. Removes the requirement that members in seats representing the general public must live within a certain vicinity of the Hospital. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Hospital Advisory Board (“Board”), established by the Legislative Assembly in 2009, is made up of sixteen members. The role of the Board is to review administrative rules, policies, procedures, and protocols of the Oregon State Hospital related to the safety, security, and care of patients and to report findings.

Members of the Board include one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House. Remaining members are nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The Board’s voting members include three advocates, three health care professionals, two consumers of mental health care, one family member, and two members of the public who reside in the vicinity of the Hospital.

Senate Bill 629 changes the composition of the Oregon State Hospital Advisory Board by reducing seats for advocates from three to two, by reducing seats for health care professionals from three to two, by increasing the number of seats for consumers of mental health services from two to three, by increasing seats for family members from one to two, and by removing the requirement that members representing the general public must live in the vicinity of the Hospital.