

HB 2542 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish accreditation program for substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid and opiate addiction, treatment programs. Requires OHA to offer administrative and financial support to treatment programs seeking accreditation. Takes effect on 91st following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- HB 2257 (2019) and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Accreditation Advisory Group recommendations
- Benefits of accreditation of SUD programs
- Potential impacts of accreditation process on licensing timelines
- Entities accreditation process would apply to
- Applicability to current providers and potential for impacts on treatment access
- Accreditation processes in other states

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Directs OHA to require SUD treatment programs to obtain accreditation from national accrediting body. Requires OHA to offer technical support, in addition to financial and technical support, to treatment programs seeking accreditation.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) are treatable, chronic diseases characterized by a problematic pattern of substance use leading to impairments in health, social function, and control over substance use. According to the 2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 40.3 million Americans, aged 12 or older, had a substance use disorder in the past year.

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2257, declaring substance use disorder as a chronic illness. The measure also directed the Oregon Health Authority to convene an advisory group to make recommendations for accreditation requirements for SUD providers. The Substance Use Disorder Treatment Accreditation Advisory Group recommended that the state require SUD programs become accredited by a national accrediting body.

House Bill 2452 would require the Oregon Health Authority to establish an accreditation program for substance use disorder treatment programs.