

HB 2513 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 5/3, 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires local planning committee for alcohol and drug prevention and treatment services to coordinate with local Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRNs). Defines "recovery." Removes cap on Drug Treatment and Recovery Services Fund distributions for administrative costs. Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Director to appoint executive director of Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC). Clarifies OAC membership terms. Clarifies OAC and OHA roles in issuing and terminating BHRN grants. Allows BHRNs to rely on statewide hotline for telephone screenings during nonbusiness hours. Clarifies minimum BHRN staffing. Transfers responsibility for adopting rules for BHRN grants and funding from OAC to OHA, including a process to appeal denial of a grant. Requires OHA to convene advisory committee composed of a majority of OAC membership when adopting or amending rules. Clarifies scope of Secretary of State audits and moves due date of performance audit from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2025. Requires community mental health program to provide guidance and assistance to BHRN for joint development of programs and activities to increase access to treatment. Authorizes OHA to implement education campaign if approved by OAC.

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

House Vote: Ayes, 49; Nays, 3; Excused, 7

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

On November 3, 2020, Oregon voters passed [Measure 110 \("Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act"\)](#), approving two shifts in how the state deals with the use of illegal drugs. First, the measure reduces penalties for drug possession, making Oregon the first state to decriminalize the personal possession of illegal drugs. Secondly, the savings achieved from the cost of enforcing criminal drug possession penalties are combined with marijuana sales revenue to fund a new drug addiction treatment and recovery grant program. Senate Bill 755 (2021) modified some of the requirements of Measure 110. SB 755 also established Behavioral Health Resource Networks, which are a group of organizations that partner to provide substance use services free of charge to individuals seeking care. The measure requires a BHRN to be established in each county and tribal area in the state. According to the Oregon Health Authority, as of March 2023, 42 BHRNs were operating.

House Bill 2513 A makes additional changes to Measure 110 program operations and requirements, including clarifying the responsibilities of the Oregon Health Authority and Oversight and Accountability Council.