

HB 2539 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 03/29/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-1-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Bowman, Conrad, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Nays: 1 - Morgan

Exc: 1 - Dexter

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/14, 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds in an amount that produces \$50 million net proceeds for distribution to Trillium Family Services for construction of facilities for Oregon Center for Child, Family, and Community Health. Requires Trillium Family Services to enter into agreement with Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Specifies terms of agreement. Requires Trillium to report biennially to Legislative Assembly until six years after project is complete and specifies required elements of report.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current state hospital level of care access for children
- Potential use of bond funds

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

According to Mental Health America, Oregon ranks last among states in youth mental health. This means that youth in Oregon have a higher prevalence of mental illness and lower rates of access to care. Trillium Family Services is currently the only provider of secure inpatient treatment for children and adolescents in Oregon.

House Bill 2539 A authorizes the State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds producing \$50 million for distribution to Trillium Family Services to assist in the construction of facilities for the Oregon Center for Child, Family, and Community Health.