Senate Bill 629

Sponsored by Senator LIEBER, Representative NELSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Modifies membership of Oregon State Hospital Advisory Board.

Sponsors and Co-Sponsors

ORS 179.560 is amended to read:

179.560. (1) There is established in the Oregon Health Authority the Oregon State Hospital Advisory Board, consisting of 16 members. Two nonvoting members shall be from the Legislative Assembly, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Fourteen members shall be appointed by the Governor and be subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565 and shall include the following:

(a) [Three] Two voting members who are individuals who advocate for or provide representation to individuals with mental illness;

(b) [Three] Two voting members who are health care professionals who have experience working with individuals with mental illness;

(c) [Two] Three voting members who are or have been consumers of mental health services, at least one of whom is a former patient of the Oregon State Hospital located in Salem, Marion County;

(d) [One] Two voting [member who] members each of whom is a member of [the] a family of a consumer of mental health services;

(e) Two voting members who are members of the general public [who live in the vicinity of the Oregon State Hospital located in Salem, Marion County]; and

(f) Three nonvoting members who are members of a public employee bargaining unit and who are employed by the Oregon State Hospital located in Salem, Marion County, as follows:

(A) One individual to represent board-certified physicians;

(B) One individual to represent board-certified nursing staff; and

(C) One individual to represent direct care services staff.

(2) Members appointed by the Governor shall serve four-year terms, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member appointed by the Governor, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment.

(3) Members of the board appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve two-year terms.

(4) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to
become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

(5) The Governor shall select one of the voting members of the Oregon State Hospital Advisory Board as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the Governor determines.

(6) A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(7) The board shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the board.

(8) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the board.

(9) A voting member of the board may not individually or in a fiduciary capacity have a financial interest in the Oregon State Hospital located in Salem, Marion County.