

## HB 2542 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, 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.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

##### BACKGROUND:

Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) are treatable, chronic diseases characterized by a problematic pattern 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 (SUD) in the past year.

In November 2020, Oregon voters passed Measure 110, also known as The Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act, approving two shifts in how the state deals with the use of illegal drugs. First, the measure reduced penalties for drug possession, making Oregon the first state to decriminalize the personal possession of illegal drugs. Measure 110 also combined the anticipated savings achieved from the current cost of enforcing criminal drug possession penalties with marijuana sales revenue to fund a new drug addiction treatment and recovery grant program. In 2021, the Oregon Legislature invested \$1.35 billion in the state's behavioral health system, including help improve access for people in need of SUD treatment.

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