

SB 968 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in consultation with System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC), to study Oregon's systems of care. Directs OHA to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to human services not later than September 15, 2024

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure. Changes the strategic plan update for the System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC) from every two to every four years, with the next one due in 2026. Requires the Oregon Youth Authority, the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Education, Coordinated Care Organizations and any other state agencies, boards or commissions to work with the SOCAC on joint studies. Directs the SOCAC to provide recommendations to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1 (2019) established the System of Care Advisory Council. Senate Bill 4 (2021) authorized the council to appoint an executive director and make recommendations on state agency budgets. The council acts as a central, impartial forum for statewide policy development, funding strategy recommendations, and planning. The council's goal is to improve the effectiveness and efficacy of child-serving state agencies and the continuum of care that provides services to youth (ages 0-25).

Senate Bill 968 changes the timeline for the System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC) strategic plan update and specifies how the SOCAC will collaborate with state agencies.