

SB 1554 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study access to behavioral health treatment in this state.

Detailed Summary:

Requires OHA to submit a report with any recommendations for legislation to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no later than September 15, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, Governor Kotek directed the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study behavioral health facility capacity in Oregon, including the unmet need for mental health residential, substance use residential, and withdrawal management facilities. A draft of the report was released on January 31, 2024 ([link](#) to report). Previously, [House Bill 2086](#) (2021) directed the OHA to study conditions experienced by Oregon’s behavioral health workforce ([link](#) to Behavioral Health Workforce Report (2022)).