

HB 2239 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure defines recovery residences and directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt minimum quality and performance standards for certifying a recovery residence.

Detailed Summary

- Defines a recovery residence and a national recovery residence organization.
- Directs OHA to adopt minimum quality and performance standards for certifying recovery residences that contract with a coordinated care organization (CCO) or a county behavioral health department. Specifies that standards must align with a national recovery residence organization.
- Directs OHA, CCOs, and county behavioral health departments to only contract with recovery residences that receive certification through OHA or a national recovery residence organization. Directs OHA, CCOs, and county behavioral health departments to report evidence that a certified recovery residence has engaged in fraud to OHA and any state-based affiliate of a national recovery residence organization.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following sine die.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 **Replaces the measure.** Substitutes "recovery residence certifying organization" for "national recovery residence organization."

BACKGROUND:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ([SAMHSA](#)) defines recovery housing as safe, healthy, family-like substance-free living environments that support individuals in recovery from addiction. Often called recovery residences, these home-like settings are intended to support individuals released from residential inpatient treatment programs or from custody from the justice system. Recovery residences are particularly important for individuals in the early stages of recovery as they support building of social capital and access to recovery supports, such as facilitating access to employment and housing.

The Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon ([MHACBO](#)) was founded in 1977 to provide certification for behavioral health workers in order to assure minimum standards of competence, accountability, and evidence-based practices. MHABO has approximately 10,000 certified members, including qualified mental health professionals and associates, certified alcohol and drug counselors, and peers, among others. MHACBO maintains a voluntary [registry](#) of recovery residences in Oregon that is populated by agencies and individual recovery residences. Currently, the registry reports 18 recovery residences with 216 total beds.

House Bill 2239 defines recovery residences and directs the Oregon Health Authority to adopt minimum quality and performance standards for certifying a recovery residence.