

SB 1583 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes a Behavioral Health and Deflection Committee within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, and tasks it with administering grant programs for Behavioral Health Resource Networks and deflection programs. It requires the Committee to analyze the most effective ways to address substance abuse in the state and to provide a report to the interim committees on health and judiciary by September 15, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Ballot Measure 110 (2020) removed criminal penalties for possession of personal quantities of drugs and directed all cannabis tax revenue over \$11.25 million to a Drug Treatment and Recovery Services Fund. Senate Bill 755 (2021) established Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRNs) in each county to provide substance use treatment and supports to individuals. It directed an Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) to administer grants with support and guidance from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). OAC now acts as an advisory rather than decision-making body. OHA is permitted to keep up 4% of funds for administration of the program, which has awarded about \$800 million in grants since 2021. According to a December 2025 [audit](#) by the Oregon Secretary of State, OHA now has 18 FTE dedicated to the program.

House Bill 2002 (2024) recriminalized some controlled substances as a misdemeanor and established funding for county deflection programs that could redirect people into treatment instead of the criminal justice system, through grants administered by the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). Counties and federally recognized Tribal governments that opt into the system coordinate with BHRN providers, community mental health programs, district attorneys, and law enforcement. The program has about \$40 million in funds for the 2025-2027 biennium per a CJC [report](#). HB 3069 (2025) permits CJC to retain 3% of funds to support data collection and analysis of outcome measures and 2% to support technical assistance.