

**HB 4068 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Gelser Blouin

**Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health**

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**Action Date:** 02/19/26

**Action:** Do pass the bill.

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Anderson, Gelser Blouin, Patterson, Reynolds

**Exc:** 1 - Linthicum

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/17, 2/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure modifies the definition of “transition aged youth residential treatment home” to include young adults between the ages of 17 (instead of 17.5) and 25. The measure declares an emergency, effective on its passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Residential treatment options for youth
- Treatment system capacity, rules, and regulations
- Federal Family First Prevention Services Act

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Residential treatment homes (RTHs), residential treatment facilities (RTFs), and secure residential treatment facilities (SRTFs) provide housing and treatment services to adults diagnosed with a qualifying mental illness. They are staffed 24 hours a day. During the 2025 session, the legislature passed House Bill 2015, directing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to investigate and consider specified flexibilities for administering residential treatment services. The measure included the establishment of a separate licensing process for transition aged youth RTHs, which were defined in the legislation as being for young adults between the ages of 17.5 and 25. Prior to the passage of HB 2015, age 17 was the standard age for admission into such homes. House Bill 4068 modifies the definition to include young adults between the ages of 17 and 25, aligning the law with standard practice.