

**HB 2627 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Defines “peer mentor support” and “peer support services.” Requires the Oregon Health Authority to operate peer managed recovery centers in cities with a population of 100,000 or more. Specifies minimum level of service provision and criteria for recovery centers.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recognize peer-delivery services as a tool for treating behavioral health disorders. Peer-delivered services often involve outreach, social support, problem-solving, help with navigating community and medical services, and recovery promotion such as wellness skills. Such services are provided by individuals who are receiving mental health services or are in recovery from addiction disorders. The Oregon Health Authority operates a training and certification program for peer support specialists.

Based on data (2018 estimates) from Portland State University’s Population Research Center, Portland, Eugene, Salem, Gresham, and Hillsboro are incorporated cities with 100,000 or more residents.

House Bill 2627 directs the Oregon Health Authority to operate peer managed recovery centers in cities with more than 100,000 residents.