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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys to Department of Human Services for services provided to unaccompanied homeless youth.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Professional Services	230,000	-
Special Payments	2,270,000	-
Total Funds	\$2,500,000	-

Analysis:

HB 4039 with the -3 amendment appropriates a total of \$2.5 million General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the 2019-21 biennium for the following:

- \$ 230,000 to conduct a statewide assessment of the needs of and the continuum of services for unaccompanied homeless youth in Oregon. DHS is required to submit a preliminary report on the results of the assessment to the Legislature by December 1, 2020, and final report by March 1, 2021.
- \$ 70,000 to provide grants to organizations that provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth to assist with the statewide assessment.
- \$1,000,000 to award one-year grants to organizations that provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth.
- \$1,200,000 to award one-year grants to organizations that operate host home projects for unaccompanied homeless youth. The bill directs DHS to report on the host home projects to the Legislature by September 15, 2021.

These appropriations are assumed to be one-time funding because the requirement to provide grants sunsets on July 1, 2021, and the requirement to conduct the statewide assessment sunsets January 1, 2022.

With passage of this bill, DHS anticipates expending the \$230,000 to engage a contractor to conduct a statewide assessment of the needs of unaccompanied homeless youth in Oregon. The agency will use existing staff and resources to administer the grants and comply with the reporting requirements of the bill. The entire \$2,270,000 will be expended on grants to respective organization.