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## Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee

**From:** Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** February 21, 2020

**Subject:** HB 4031 – Relating to behavioral health  
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 4031 requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to prepare an assessment forecasting the supply of and demand for behavioral health professionals in Oregon over the next 10 years. The assessment must focus on compiling the existing work of OHA with previously conducted studies and relevant local and national data to determine how to improve Oregon's behavioral health workforce. It must also:

- Detail the behavioral health professionals currently ready to enter the workforce and identify workforce gaps;
- Define the need for behavioral health professionals by specific service and profession;
- Determine the number and type of behavioral health professional currently completing educational and other requirements to enter the workforce; and
- Evaluate barriers to meeting the current goals for the state's behavioral health workforce and make recommendations for removing the barriers; and
- Include results from consultation with the Department of Education, Higher Education Coordinated Commission, and relevant health professional licensing boards.

The bill has an estimated one-time fiscal impact of \$606,246 General Fund. This represents estimated contractual expenses to complete the assessment and one limited-duration position (0.42 FTE) in 2019-21.

The -A4 amendment establishes a General Fund appropriation to support the estimated fiscal impact. It also changes the deadline of the assessment from November 1, 2020 to December 1, 2020 and establishes an emergency clause.

### **Recommended Amendments**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A4 amendment.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -A4 amendment to HB 4031 (VOTE)**

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 4031, as amended by the -A4 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move HB 4031, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_