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Measure Description:

Provides funding to peer-run organizations in Portland metropolitan area, southern Oregon region and eastern and central Oregon region to operate peer respite centers to provide peer respite services to individuals with mental illness who experience acute distress, anxiety or emotional pain.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Behavioral Health to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide funding to one or more peer-run organizations to operate three peer respite centers in the Portland metro area, southern Oregon, and central/eastern Oregon. Peer respite services are voluntary, nonclinical, short-term residential peer support provided in a homelike setting to individuals with mental illness or trauma response symptoms who are experiencing symptoms that may lead to the need for higher-level care, such as at a psychiatric inpatient hospital. This measure appropriates \$4.5 million General Fund to OHA, with \$750,000 to be distributed from these funds each year to each peer respite center. There may be additional costs to implement this measure.

A more complete fiscal analysis will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required