

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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**Measure Description:**

Appropriates moneys to Oregon Health Authority to undertake specified steps to address needs of individuals with behavioral health disorders for services, treatment and housing.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS), 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.

This measure includes a blank General Fund appropriation for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). These funds may be expended for programs that are driven by and responsive to people of color, tribal communities, and people of lived experience, that are peer and community drive and provide culturally specific services, and for medical assistance reimbursement of tribal-based practices. Funds are also to be used for community reintegration for criminal defendants who have been found unfit to proceed in a criminal proceeding due to mental incapacity, which includes establishment of a reimbursement rate for case consultation and community reintegration for at least 400 individuals; and construction and operation of a secure residential treatment facility to serve up to 39 individuals per year.

This measure additionally appropriates \$10.2 million General Fund to OHA, which may be expended to reimburse the costs of co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder treatment services paid for on a fee-for-service basis at an enhanced rate, and for one-time startup funding for behavioral health treatment programs that provide integrated co-occurring disorder treatment.

OHA is directed to continually evaluate and revise administrative rules governing behavioral health programs and services to reduce the administrative burden of documentation. OHA must develop workforce training and establish endorsements or certifications for behavioral health providers of co-occurring disorder treatment. OHA is also to adopt by rule requirements for coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to provide housing navigation services and address the social determinants of health through care coordination.

This measure includes a third appropriation of \$400,000 General Fund to OHA to collect data from intensive behavioral health treatment providers on the demand for and capacity to provide treatment to children and adolescents with high acuity behavioral health needs. Providers must submit data to real-time provider directory, bed registry, and access portal. This measure repeals ORS 430.717, which requires OHA to contract with an Oregon-based nonprofit to operate a 24-hour call center dedicated to tracking and providing information about available placement settings for children and adolescents needing high acuity behavioral health services.

The measure requires OHA to provide the following reports:

- A study of reimbursement rates for co-occurring disorder treatments, with a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to mental and behavioral health no later than December 1, 2022 on its findings and recommendations for future rate development;
- A report with recommendations to achieve a living wage for behavioral health care workers, including peers and family support specialists, with a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to mental and behavioral health no later than February 1, 2022; and
- A report on demand and capacity for intensive behavioral health treatment for children and adolescents, and barriers to data collection in this area, with a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health and to the Governor no later than December 1, 2022.

This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

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

# Further Analysis Required