

HB 2316 A -A2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

HB 2316 establishes the Behavioral Health Housing Incentive Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in the Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide funding for the development of community-based housing, including licensed residential treatment facilities, for individuals with mental illness and individuals with substance use disorders; and crisis intervention services, rental subsidies and other housing-related services to help keep individuals with mental illness and individuals with substance use disorders safe and healthy in their communities.

The measure repeals, on June 30, 2022, statute establishing the Housing for Mental Health Fund. Any unobligated funds remaining in the Housing for Mental Health Fund on June 30, 2022 are to be transferred to the Behavioral Health Housing Incentive Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 clarifies that moneys in the Housing for Mental Health Fund are continuously appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department for the Fund's original purpose until all funds are transferred on June 30, 2022 to the Behavioral Health Housing Incentive Fund.

BACKGROUND:

HB 5030 (2015) established the Housing for Mental Health Fund and authorized the issuance of \$20 million in lottery bond proceeds for HCSD to provide financial assistance to aid in the development, acquisition, renovation or improvement of affordable housing for Oregonians who have mental illnesses or addiction disorders. To date, all of the bond proceeds have been committed to projects and most of the funds have been expended. The estimated account balance by June 2022 is projected to be \$400,000 in uncommitted interest earnings.