

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2417 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to administer program to provide matching grants to cities or counties to operate mobile crisis intervention teams.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Counties, Cities

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 administer a program that provides grants to cities or county community mental health programs for mobile crisis intervention team programs. Sixty percent of funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly and any federal matching funds are to be paid to county community mental health programs, and 40 percent as grants to cities. Cities with populations of 50,000 or more, and counties with populations of 100,000 or more, must contribute 25 percent in matching funds. Funds may be used to staff mobile crisis intervention teams, and to establish or maintain sobering facilities, 24-hour shelter facilities, or crisis respite centers. Funds may also be used for other behavioral health supports in the city or county, as prescribed by OHA by rule. OHA is to seek a waiver of Medicaid laws or any other approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that is necessary to secure federal financial participation in these costs. OHA is also to convene a work group to study methods for ongoing funding of these services, and to report on their findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to mental or behavioral health no later than September 15, 2022.

The measure appropriates \$10 million General Fund to OHA to provide grants and fund one full-time position for the White Bird Clinic in the City of Eugene. The measure takes effect July 1, 2021.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Department of Human Services, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Counties, Cities, and OHA.

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