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Bill Title: Relating to behavioral health; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Legislative Policy and Research Office, Oregon Health Authority, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 2,464,788	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371,246	\$ 2,836,034	5	2.66
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 2,464,788	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371,246	\$ 2,836,034	5	2.66

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 1,310,984	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525,717	\$ 1,836,701	5	5.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,310,984	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 525,717	\$ 1,836,701	5	5.00

Measure Description

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to consult with counties and community health programs and conduct a study to determine the funding required for community health programs to provide service to those with behavioral health disorders. The study must be completed every five years and the results posted to OHA’s website.

The measure appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund for OHA to contract with the Oregon Council for Behavioral Health and to fund stipends of eligible participants. The study will review existing rules, contracts and statutes related to behavioral health and make recommendations for revisions. The measure defines member requirements for those conducting the study. The measure permits individuals conducting the study that are not employed by state, county, or city government to receive reimbursement for necessary expenses. The measure requires stipends be excluded from income used to determine medical assistance eligibility. All state agencies are directed to assist the group with information required or advice. The study group must contract with a consultant by June 30, 2024.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$2,464,788 General Fund, \$371,246 Federal Funds and five positions (2.66 FTE) for the 2023-25 biennium.

The study on community health programs is estimated to cost \$1,997,322 General Fund, \$264,348 Federal Fund and three full-time permanent positions (1.58 FTE). The three positions (\$277,322 General Fund and \$181,848 Federal Fund) will manage consultant contracts, provide ongoing technical assistance, review costs data and utilization, support the contracted actuary and provide ongoing complex analysis. The majority of costs are

associated with contract costs. Based on similar requests, the following contract costs are expected:

- \$257,500 General Fund and \$82,500 Federal Funds for project management and actuarial analysis.
- \$975,000 General Fund to complete the study on aid and assist restoration services, civil commitment services and the crisis systems delivered through counties.
- \$487,500 General Fund to begin the study reviewing the entire population served by counties and associated costs. This study will continue into the 2025-27 biennium at a cost of \$487,500 General Fund.

The study on the existing behavioral health infrastructure is estimated to cost \$467,466 General Fund, \$106,898 Federal Funds and two full-time permanent positions (1.08 FTE). The positions (\$167,466 General Fund and \$106,898 Federal Funds) will help develop criteria for data extraction, conduct data analysis and provide project management support. The measure requires OHA to contract with The Oregon Council for Behavioral Health to carry out the requirements of the study and pay any required stipends; the estimated cost for this contract is \$300,000 General Fund.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Legislative Policy and Research Office.

Relevant Dates

- The study reviewing the existing behavioral health infrastructure must initiate contract proceedings for a consultant no later than June 30, 2024.
- The study reviewing the existing behavioral health infrastructure must submit their preliminary report to the interim behavioral health committees by December 15, 2025.
- The study regarding community health program funding must submit a report by January 1, 2025, and every five years thereafter.
- The study reviewing the existing behavioral health infrastructure must submit their final report to the interim behavioral health committees by December 15, 2025.
- Reporting and posting requirements for the study reviewing existing behavioral health infrastructure is operative January 2, 2026.
- The study group reviewing the existing behavioral health infrastructure is repealed January 2, 2026.
- The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.