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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**

<Revised to reflect new information received from the Oregon Health Authority regarding federal matching funds, as well as contract and position costs.>

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 1,539,089	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407,194	\$ 1,946,283	5	2.00
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ 1,539,089</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 407,194</b>	<b>\$ 1,946,283</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.00</b>

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 1,101,717	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 548,257	\$ 1,649,974	5	5.00
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ 1,101,717</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 548,257</b>	<b>\$ 1,649,974</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.00</b>

**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 on the Oregon Health Authority for the 2023-25 biennium is \$1,539,089 General Fund, \$407,194 Federal Funds and five positions (2.00 FTE). Estimated costs for the 2025-27 biennium decrease to \$1,101,717 General Fund, \$548,257 Federal Funds and five positions (5.00 FTE) due to reduced study costs.

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The study on community health programs is estimated to cost \$1,284,089 General Fund, \$362,194 Federal Fund and five full-time permanent positions (2.00 FTE). The majority of costs are associated with contract costs. Based on similar requests, the following contract costs are expected:

- \$624,339 General Fund and \$109,980 Federal Funds to complete the study on aid and assist restoration services, civil commitment services and the crisis systems delivered through counties.
- \$310,781 General Fund and \$54,844 Federal Funds to begin the study reviewing the entire population served by counties and associated costs. This study will continue into the 2025-27 biennium at the same cost.

The five positions (\$348,969 General Fund and \$197,370 Federal Funds) will:

- Manage consultant contracts.
- Provide ongoing technical assistance.
- Develop criteria for data extraction.
- Conduct utilization and data analysis.
- Provide project management support.
- Conduct ongoing complex analysis.

The study on the state's current behavioral health infrastructure is estimated to cost \$255,000 General Fund and \$45,000 Federal Funds. OHA will pass through these funds to the Oregon Council for Behavioral Health to carry out the requirements of the study and pay any required stipends. Additional OHA staff support will be provided by existing staff at no additional cost.

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.