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Bill Title: Relating to the safety of behavioral health workers.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact

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This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to administer a program for awarding noncompetitive grants to behavioral health employers to covers the costs of conducting or contracting with a third party to conduct a risk assessment of the employers'-built environment. The measure requires OHA to retain an actuary to model behavioral health costs. The measure directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to study options that require a health insurance carrier to include mobile crisis intervention as a covered service not subject to copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles.

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