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To: Public Safety Subcommittee
From: Chelsey Herrmann, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 10, 2025
Subject: HB 2467 – Relating to mental illness
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2467 modifies the circumstances when an individual with a mental illness may be detained and committed to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for involuntary treatment. The measure modifies the definition of “person with mental illness” to an individual who has a mental illness and is in need of treatment and also creates definitions for “physical harm” and “serious physical harm”.

Additionally, the measure provides that the court, upon hearing the evidence as outlined by the measure, must make a determination by clear and convincing evidence that the individual has a mental illness and is in need of treatment. OHA must be notified immediately if commitment of an individual is proposed due to the individual appearing to need treatment because of a chronic mental disorder.

There are two recommended amendments to the measure:

- The -A4 amendment makes technical changes to the measure and clarifies the meaning of “serious physical harm” as used by the courts to mean physical harm that causes (a) risk of death; (b) serious and irreversible deterioration of health; or (c) serious and irreversible deterioration of the function of any bodily organ.
- The -A6 amendment adds budget authority of \$6.5 million total funds for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Public Defense Commission (PDC). General Fund is increased for OHA by \$5.4 million for payments made to community mental health programs regarding civil commitments and General Fund is increased for PDC by \$1.1 million for the purpose of providing public defense to financially eligible persons under provisions of this 2025 Act.

-A4 Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A4 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A4 amendment to HB 2467. *(vote)*

-A6 Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –A6 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –A6 amendment to HB 2467. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2467, as amended by the –A4 and -A6 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2467, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____