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**To:** Public Safety Subcommittee

**From:** MaryMichelle Sosne, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** June 10, 2025

**Subject:** HB 2015– Relating to behavioral health.  
Work Session Recommendations

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by September 15, 2026, which must include the following:

- Identify alternatives or exceptions to nurse staffing requirements in residential treatment facilities that address workforce challenges while maintaining safety for nurses and patients.
- Assess all methodologies approved by federal law to reimburse residential facilities.
- Determine if behavioral health services for medical assistance recipients can be paid through different federal waivers.
- Evaluate options for providing funding and capacity payments to facilities when a resident is temporarily absent.
- Determine how to fill the capacity of newly licensed facilities.

Additionally, OHA is directed to adopt rules to support facilities when they develop early transition plans for residents and to establish a separate licensing processes for transition aged youth residential treatment homes. By September 15, 2025, OHA must submit a report to the Legislature on its progress carrying out the adoption of these new rules and include any recommendations for legislative changes. The final report is due September 15, 2026. The measure is repealed on January 2, 2027, all funding is one-time only.

The -A4 amendment adds \$1.3 million General Fund and \$977,888 Federal Funds. Costs include contractor costs to complete financial modeling, cost analysis, and evaluate service integration for the study. Funding also supports seven limited duration positions to provide project management, subject matter expertise, rules development and licensing support.

## Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –[A4] amendment.

**MOTION:** I move adoption of the –[A4] amendment to HB 2015. *(vote)*

## Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2015, as amended by the –[A4] amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION:** I move HB 2015, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

## Carriers

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_