

HB 2954 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety Response

Action Date: 05/14/25

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

House Vote

Yeas: 5 - Edwards, Isadore, Kropf, Mannix, Valderrama

Senate Vote

Yeas: 2 - Girod, Prozanski

Exc: 1 - Lieber

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 4/9, 5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates an unspecified amount to the Oregon Health Authority for distribution to local health departments and federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon for establishing or expanding primary prevention programs for addiction. Declares an emergency, effective on July 1, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance and success of primary prevention programs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Primary prevention is a public health strategy that aims to intervene before a negative health outcome occurs. For substance use, this can mean preventing or delaying youth from trying substances with a risk of harm or addiction. Evidence-based primary prevention interventions address both biopsychosocial and environmental risk and protective factors at the individual, interpersonal, and macro levels.

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