HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2056

By COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

April 9

After line 2, insert:
"Whereas community mental health programs provide critical mental health and substance us

In line 2 of the printed bill, after "health" insert "; and declaring an emergency".

"Whereas community mental health programs provide critical mental health and substance use disorder services to individuals in their communities; and

"Whereas community mental health programs are required by statute to provide specific services to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, individuals charged with a crime and found unable to aid and assist in their own defense and individuals subject to civil commitment proceedings; and

"Whereas the Oregon Health Authority conducted, pursuant to section 1, chapter 80, Oregon Laws 2024, a cost study to determine the funding required for each community mental health program to provide those services; and

"Whereas the cost study, which was completed with the assistance of an actuary, determined that there is a gap between the funding that is currently available and the funding that is needed for community mental health programs to provide the services required by statute; now, therefore,".

Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

"SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$64,800,000, for distribution to community mental health programs for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of ORS 161.315 to 161.351, 161.355 to 161.371, 161.385 to 161.395, 161.505 to 161.585, 426.005 to 426.390, 426.510 to 426.680, 426.701, 426.702, 430.627, 430.628, 430.629 and 430.630.

"SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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