

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session  
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY  
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

MEASURE:  
CARRIER:

**CORRECTED**  
HB 3067 A  
Sen. George G.

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	George G., Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Human Services to use the most current population data, available from the Oregon University System primary population research center, when using a formula to allocate monies to counties for mental health and addiction services. Declares an emergency and takes effect upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Transparency of formula used to determine county allocations
- Percent of county payments dependent on population
- Other factors considered in determining county payments
- Accuracy of data reported by Portland State University's Population Research Center

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Over the past four years, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has worked with community mental health programs from big and small counties to address the issue of funding allocation disparities in counties across the state. The "Kessler Formula" was developed to estimate the prevalence of mental illness by considering several related factors, including county populations. A funding floor has been set, to ensure that less populous counties receive sufficient resources to offer programs in rural locations.

HB 3067 A requires that the Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services in DHS use the most recent data from Portland State University's Population Research Center when it calculates payments using the formula.

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