

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/7, 4/9

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Appropriates money from General Fund to Department of Human Services for psychiatric day treatment for eastern Oregon children. Declares emergency; takes effect July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Not included in Governor's recommended budget
- Managed care not working in eastern Oregon
- Gap in available services in eastern Oregon

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

**BACKGROUND:** Pendleton Academies is a coed day and residential school program for children ages 6-18 with emotional and learning difficulties. It is a non-profit mental health corporation specializing in psychiatric treatment for children with challenging mental health needs.

For more than 10 years, eastern Oregon school districts within a one-hour drive from Pendleton have requested that it develop a therapeutic school program providing day treatment services as a community-based mental health service. Pendleton Academies began accepting children from Umatilla and Morrow county school districts to its therapeutic school in September 2006 as a safety net alternative educational placement. The community-based day treatment is an alternative to out-of-home placements for the schools and families. Pendleton Academies receives \$55 per day per child for the school districts to place children in its program which does not cover the cost of treatment for their behavioral and mental health disorders.

In 2003 there were a total of seven slots for day treatment for children with mental health disorders in the 12 eastern-most counties in Oregon.