

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

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

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<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>	4/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires the Department of Human Services and local mental health authorities to work together to create local and regional plans for expanding community-based mental health services. Appropriates \$105,090,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services for carrying out community-based mental health services. Requires department to report to Legislative Assembly.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for additional revenue and comprehensive revenue reform
- Insufficient workforce to handle quantity of mental health patients and services required
- Low wages in mental health field make it difficult to maintain a steady, qualified workforce
- Bill is a legislative statement about the need to fund mental health despite Governor's Recommended Budget

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Specifies amount of money to be appropriated. Directs Department of Human Services to begin implementation of community-based services by December 21, 2008.

**BACKGROUND:** Creating community mental health services is a priority of the Oregon State Hospital Master Plan. The Oregon State Hospital Master Plan Phase II Report focuses on the replacement of hospital facilities. However, the recommendations in the report predicate on the significant enhancement of the community mental health system. Without the investment in "front end" community services, the demand for state hospital beds will exceed the number of beds included in the new state hospital facilities. The report and recommendations inform the Governor, the Legislature and DHS about what services are needed to support the new state hospital.