77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 4 CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Health Care & Human Services

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 3 - 0 - 2

Yeas: Knopp, Kruse, Monnes Anderson

Nays:

Exc.: Shields, Steiner Hayward

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Meeting Dates: 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates moneys to Department of Human Services to provide mental health and addiction services to seniors and persons with disabilities. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Provisions of the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: On February 6, 2013, Senate President Peter Courtney called on members of the Oregon Legislature to make "game changing" increases in funding for community mental health services in Oregon a top revenue and budget priority. Statistics indicate that one in eight children and one in 18 adults in Oregon suffer from mental illness. The Oregon Health Authority also reports that the state is currently serving less than half the adults and slightly more than one-third of the young people who need treatment.