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To: Human Services Subcommittee
From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017
Subject: SB 944 Relating to behavioral Health
Work Session Recommendations

Senate Bill 944 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to contract with an Oregon-based nonprofit organization with the expertise to operate a 24-hour call center dedicated to tracking and providing information about available placement settings for children and adolescent needing high acuity behavioral health services. The call center will also implement processes for service providers to submit data that can be used to assess and monitor daily, statewide capacity for providing high acuity behavioral health services to children and adolescents; recording when the first contact with the call center took place and the appropriate place.

In addition, the bill establishes the Youth Acute Behavioral Health Leadership Council in the Office of the Governor charged with making recommendations for the alignment of sources of funding and polices among all agencies serving children and adolescents to ensure the implementation of sustainable behavioral health services, dictated by the needs of the children, the adolescents and their families.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Human Services on 4/12/2017 and 4/17/2017.

Fiscal Impact

OHA estimates the contract to operate a call center as specified by the bill to be \$400,000 General Fund per biennium. At this time, the fund source for this impact is 100% General Fund because although the Medicaid administrative match rate is available for work that is beneficial to the Medicaid client population, OHA is unable to determine if this work qualifies

Recommended Changes

A3 amendment

The -A3 amendment removes the requirement to establish the Youth Acute Behavioral Health Leadership Council, and includes a \$400,000 General Fund appropriation for the Oregon Health Authority to contract to operate the call center specified by the bill.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A3 amendment to SB 944. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

It is recommended that SB 944, as amended by the -A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 944, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____