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**Joint Committee on
Ways and Means**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Human Services Subcommittee

Re: HB 2300 Relating to prescription drug coverage for medical assistance recipients

Senator Winters: “HB 2300 creates the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group within the Oregon Health Authority. The group is responsible for developing evidence-based algorithms for mental health treatment with mental health drugs, but is expected to make recommendations on a broader array of issues related to mental health drugs. The group will report back to the Legislature with final recommendations by December 2018. The bill also requires OHA to continue to reimburse the costs of mental health drugs without restrictions, through January 2, 2020.

An appropriation of \$143,888 General Fund is included in the bill to provide administrative support and for a contract with a pharmacist to assist the group in their work.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2300 be amended by the –A8 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”