

SB 1555 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies purposes for which a certain percentage of moneys in Oregon Marijuana Account may be used. Applies to any moneys transferred to account after effective date of Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Sunsets and reverts law to original statutory language on July 1, 2019.

Fiscal impact: No statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: To be examined when considered by Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

BACKGROUND:

A portion of the retail marijuana tax revenues are allocated to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for use in alcohol and drug abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment. House Bill 5026 (2017) specified that \$16 million of these tax revenues be spent on community mental health services. Current statute directs marijuana tax revenues into the Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services Account, which can only allocate monies for drug abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment services, and not community mental health services. SB 1555 enables the OHA to distribute a portion of the retail marijuana tax revenues to community mental health services as specified in HB 5026.