

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1555 - 1

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Measure Description:

Modifies purposes for which certain percentage of moneys in Oregon Marijuana Account may be used.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

Current law dedicates 20% of the moneys deposited into the Oregon Marijuana Account “to be used solely for purposes for which moneys in the Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services Account may be used.” SB 1555 with the -1 amendment replaces this restrictive language with “to be used solely for mental health treatment or for alcohol and drug abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment” for the 2017-19 biennium.

As currently written, moneys in the Mental Health Alcoholism and Drug Services Account can only be expended for substance use disorder services, and not community services for mental health. However, budget adjustments included in the OHA 2017-19 Legislatively Adopted Budget will require a budget reduction of approximately \$16 million General Fund in the Community Mental Health programs under current law. This technical fix will allow the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to expend the marijuana funds appropriated to the agency to support both substance use disorder services and community services programs. If this bill does not become law, OHA will need approximately \$16 million from the General Fund to support the Community Mental Health programs, in order to avoid program reductions.

Note that with the -1 amendment, the restrictive language reverts back for the 2019-2021 and subsequent biennia.