

HB 4137 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires the Alcohol and Policy Commission to provide to the Legislative Assembly a comprehensive report and recommendations no later than September 15, 2018. Requires Commission to review and update the addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery plan annually. Grants the Governor ability to appoint a Director of the Commission. Establishes functions and powers of the Director. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rates of alcohol and drug addiction in Oregon.
- History of the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission.
- State funding for the Commission and its' statutory requirements and responsibilities.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes authority of the Director or authorized representatives to administer oaths, take dispositions, and issue subpoenas to carry out duties of the Commission. Removes reference to local government. Moves requirement for Commission to report, biannually, on the scope of drug and alcohol addiction and on the availability of services to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Deletes \$1 million appropriation from the General Fund.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued.

BACKGROUND:

The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (Commission) was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2009, via passage of House Bill 3353. It was charged with “*producing a plan for the funding and effective delivery of alcohol and drug treatment and prevention services.*” Its member composition and specific duties are strictly dictated by statute, which ensures a certain cross-section of representation and may impair the flexibility the Commission needs to be effective. In 2015, Senate Bill 951 altered the Commission to simplify its objectives and resolve long-standing quorum issues in order to improve its effectiveness and ability to establish priorities and policies for prevention and treatment services for alcohol and drug abuse. The commission varies in size from 15 to 19 members with 17 active commissioners as of 2018.