

**SB 1555 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Revenue**

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**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. Sunsets and reverts law to original statutory language on July 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- What is new in the measure
- Community mental health.
- Allocations in budget that needs the less restrictive language.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A portion of the retail marijuana tax revenues (20%) 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 moneys for drug abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment services, and not community mental health services. Senate Bill 1555 A enables the OHA to distribute a portion of the retail marijuana tax revenues to community mental health services.