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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: May 30, 2019

Subject: SB 138 – Relating to prescription drug coverage in publicly financed programs

Senate Bill 138 reestablishes the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group (MHCAG) and expands the group from 15 to 18 members. The group is charged with developing evidence-based algorithms for mental health treatment and drugs. The group must also make recommendations on the implementation of the algorithms and changes needed to any preferred drug list used by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Section 5 of the bill appropriates \$500,000 General Fund to support the MHCAG. However, the estimated fiscal impact of the bill is \$396,907 General Fund, \$321,637 Federal Funds, and two positions (2.00 FTE). Given the difference in the appropriation and fiscal impact, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends the -A3 amendment to remove the \$500,000 appropriation. The funding to cover the fiscal impact is recommended to be included in OHA's 2019-21 budget bill (SB 5525) as part of OHA Policy Option Package 411, which requests funding for this purpose.

Recommended Amendments

LFO recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A3 amendment to SB 138 (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 138, as amended by the -A3 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 138, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

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