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To: Public Safety Subcommittee

From: Meg Bushman Reinhold, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 3, 2019

Subject: SB 973 A – Relating to behavioral health

This bill establishes the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Program within the Criminal Justice Commission. The grant program will provide funding to counties, tribal nations, and regional consortiums to strengthen local and regional supports and services for people with serious mental illnesses and substance addictions with the goal of reducing arrests, jail bookings, emergency department visits, and state hospital admissions.

Within the Criminal Justice Commission, the amendment creates the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Grant Review Committee. The Committee will identify the target population; methodology for review and approval of grant applications; process for evaluating programs; establishing criteria for alternative grant fund usage; and outcome requirements. The Committee and Oregon Health Authority are directed to jointly administer a pilot program providing technical assistance and performance incentives to Coordinated Care Organizations.

The -A4 amendment provides \$10 million General Fund to Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Account for grant awards and other related activities. The amendment also requires that three percent of the \$10 million, or \$300,000, be used for research.

The -A4 amendment provides \$639,462 General Fund to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) for 3 positions (2.38 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium. CJC is also allocated \$10 million in Other Funds limitation for dispersing grant awards and research contracts.

The fiscal impact to OHA is indeterminate pending further development of the pilot. There are no funds allocated to OHA in the bill at this time.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A4 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A4 amendment to SB 973A. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 973A, as amended by the -A4 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 973A, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____