

HB 4149 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Health Authority to study the implementation of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission’s biennial strategic plan. Requires a report to the interim committee related to health care. Sunsets January 2, 2021. Declares and emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (Commission) was created by the Legislative Assembly in 2009. It was charged with planning to fund and deliver effective drug and alcohol treatment and prevention services. The Commission has varied in size over time, with 20 commissioners as of 2019. Its composition reportedly ensures a certain cross-section of representation but its ability to function efficiently is sometimes inhibited by its size and meeting formalities. In 2015, Senate Bill 951 simplified the Commission's objectives and sought to resolve reported difficulties with establishing a quorum. In 2018, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 4137 to require the Commission to develop preliminary recommendations for the scope and framework of its comprehensive addiction, prevention, treatment, and recovery plan to be completed by July 1, 2020. The measure also directed the Commission to review and update the comprehensive plan every two years, and required the Governor to appoint a director and establish the director's functions and powers. House Bill 2638 (2019) expanded and modified the composition of the Commission and modified the definition of alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment program in Oregon by adding “tribal”.

House Bill 4149 directs the Oregon Health Authority to study the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission's strategic plan.