

HB 4149 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/11

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Prevention, treatment, and recovery services to address alcohol and drug addiction
- Public funding for addiction services
- Use of public monies collected by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to fund Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
- Auditing how counties are currently using financial resources to address addiction; ability to track and monitor state-funded investments at the county level
- Draft strategic plan by the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission; final approval process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Creates new provisions and amends ORS 430.223 and 471.810. Transfers \$10 million from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission Account to the Oregon Health Authority for carrying out the comprehensive addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery plan developed by the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (the Commission). If the \$10 million allocated prevents a city or county from receiving specified amount currently required by statute, the \$10 million to the OHA will be reduced. Requires the Commission to conduct an inventory of the program resources in the state, including the geographic distribution of the resources, to determine the level and distribution of resources necessary to move forward with the comprehensive plan. Inventory and comprehensive plan shall be reviewed and updated biennially, beginning July 1, 2020.

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

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

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".

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

PRELIMINARY