# HB 4149 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

# **House Committee On Behavioral Health**

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/6, 2/11, 2/13

# 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 (ADPC)
- 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 ADPC; final approval process
- Cost of funding the ADPC strategic plan
- Potential cost and impact to cities and counties if proposed funding is approved
- Alternative funding mechanisms for implementation ADPC strategic plan

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-3 Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (APDC) to work with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Deputy of Public Instruction to develop an early intervention strategy to address use among school-aged children and youth. Requires the Directors of APDC and OHA and Deputy of Public Instruction to report the strategy to the Legislative Assembly no later than November 1, 2020. Defines 'recovery supports.' Requires OHA Director to work with the APDC to take an inventory of current resources available to prevent, treat, and recover form substance use disorders. Allows APDC to contract for portions of the inventory study. Requires ADPC Director to report on the findings from the inventory no later than November 1, 2020 to the interim committees on mental and behavioral health. Authorizes the ADPC Director to enter into agreements with other state agencies to share information and perform duties of the Commission. Expands list of 'participating' agencies ADPC that the Commission is to approve licensure to provide or coordinate alcohol or drug abuse prevention or treatment services. Directs 'participating' agencies to meet quarterly with the Commission to review and report on each agency's progress on implementing comprehensive recovery plan, including reporting on process and outcome measures. Requires ADPC to report biennially on the metrics and other indicators of progress related to the comprehensive plan. Appropriates \$200,000 General Fund to support development of the youth intervention strategy and conduct statewide inventory.

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

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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.