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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 18, 2021

Subject: HB 2086 – Relating to individuals with behavioral health disorders
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2086 appropriates \$10.6 million General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), most of which is for increasing provider reimbursement rates for treating persons with co-occurring behavioral health disorders. The bill also amends state law with respect to culturally specific and responsive behavioral health services, treatment and program capacity data, and quality metrics for behavioral health services. The measure's key provisions require OHA to do the following:

- Increase reimbursement rates for co-occurring disorder treatment and provide start-up funding for treatment programs that provide integrated co-occurring disorder treatment; the measure appropriates \$10.2 million for this purpose.
- Establish programs that ensure access to culturally specific and responsive services.
- Continually evaluate opportunities to reduce the burden of documentation requirements for providers seeking certificates of approval.
- Study and report on Medicaid rates paid for behavioral health services.
- Adopt rules requiring coordinated care organizations to provide housing navigation services and address social determinates of health.
- Collect data from providers who offer intensive behavioral health treatment services; the measure appropriates \$400,000 General fund for this purpose.
- Report on the demand and capacity of intensive behavioral health treatment for children.
- Support a new Behavioral Health Committee established by the Oregon Health Policy Board charged with developing quality metrics and incentives to improve behavioral health services.

The recommended -A6 amendment removes a blank appropriation and language requiring support for reintegration of certain criminal defendants (“aid and assist”) into community settings; eliminates requirements for OHA to increase aggregate addiction treatment fee-for-service rates by 25%; removes permissive reporting requirements; and establishes the behavioral health metrics and incentive provisions discussed above.

The -A6 does not change the General Fund appropriation in the bill. In addition to the expenses supported with this appropriation, additional funding is anticipated in the end of session budget reconciliation bill to bring the total investment to \$15.6 million General Fund. The additional funding will largely support OHA's work on the new metrics and incentive requirements. Likewise, funding is included in OHA's primary budget bill that aligns with this work and can provide added support.

Recommended Changes

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends approval of the -A6 amendment to HB 2086.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2086, as amended by the -A6 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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