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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 25, 2022

Subject: HB 4098 – Relating to behavioral health
Work Session Recommendations

HB 4098 establishes the Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Fund for the deposit of revenue from certain opioid settlements. Determinations for how the revenue is allocated will be directed by the new Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Board, which is established in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Allocations made by the Board must be for statewide and regional programs identified in the settlement agreements or applicable judgments, including for evidence-based programs to treat opioid use disorder and other behavioral health issues. The measure allows up to 5% of the Fund to be spent on administration and requires the Fund to support a system to collect and publish data about treatment and recovery services available statewide.

The measure also expands the number of agencies defined as a “participating state agency” that enters into agreements to support the work of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission. These agencies are required to meet quarterly with the commission and provide progress reports on implementing the commission’s treatment and recovery plan for the state.

The estimated fiscal impact is \$625,733 Other Funds and five positions (1.76 FTE) in 2021-23 for OHA to support the new board and related work. The fiscal impact related to statewide and regional programs will be determined once the board is formed and makes allocation decisions.

Recommended Changes

The -A3 amendment adds Other Funds expenditure limitation to the measure to support the fiscal impact and establishes an emergency clause.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4098, as amended, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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