Measure Description:
Requires Portland State University, subject to sufficient moneys being appropriated, to enhance state’s capacity to educate public mental health and addiction treatment providers by July 1, 2028, by materially increasing number of graduates from relevant degree programs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:
Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:
This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure appropriates $2,783,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to distribute to Portland State University to increase the number of mental health and addiction treatment providers. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

The bill permits Portland State University to use this funding for scholarships, award stipends, and to increase the number of staff and faculty.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.