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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to study opioid overdose prevention.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 2397-A replaces the introduced measure. The measure establishes the Harm Reduction Clearinghouse Project within OHA which is directed to bulk purchase harm reduction supplies for community organizations, first responders and other entities that serve individuals with a high potential for overdose. The measure establishes the Opioid Reversal Medication and Harm Reduction Clearinghouse Bulk Purchasing Fund. The measure permits transfers or donations from the Prescription Drug Purchasing Fund. The measure is effective January 1, 2024.

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate because the budgetary scope of is undefined. The Oregon Health Authority will need additional guidance clarifying whether settlement funds are to be allocated by the Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment and Recovery board or if funds are to be redirected to the Opioid Reversal Medication and Harm Reduction Clearinghouse Bulk Purchasing Fund.