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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPPOSES HB 4070
Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4070

I OPPOSE [HB 4070 A].

***[HB 4070 A] is a complicated boondoggle representing a full employment act for 'Non-profit and or Public Benefit Corporations' via 'grants' and other funding mechanisms.

***[HB 4070 A] confers Oregon taxpayer dollars to support Indian Tribes (Sovereign Nations). Federal money is to be granted via the U.S. Department of the Interior Indian Affairs.

***From selected portions of the TEXT of [HB 4070 A],

"...SECTION 11. ORS 430.640 is amended to read:

... If one of the nine federally recognized tribes in this state decides to establish and operate a community mental health program, assist the tribe in the establishment and financing of a community mental health program in the same manner that the authority assists other community mental health programs. (e) If a county agrees, contract with a public agency or private corporation for all services within one or [more] both of the following program areas:

...(A) Mental [or emotional disturbances] health disorders.

...(B) [Drug abuse] Substance use disorders.

...SECTION 13. ORS 430.695 is amended to read: 430.695.

...(1) Any program fees, third-party reimbursements, contributions or funds from any source, except client resources applied toward the cost of care in group homes for persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness and client resources and third-party payments for community psychiatric inpatient care, received by a community mental health program or a community developmental disabilities program are not an offset to the costs of the services and may not be applied to reduce the program's eligibility for state funds, providing the funds are expended for mental health or developmental disabilities services approved by the Oregon Health Authority or the Department of Human Services.

...SECTION 18. ORS 430.366 is amended to read:

...430.366. (1) Every proposal for [alcohol and drug abuse] substance use prevention, early intervention and treatment services received from an applicant shall contain:

... (c) A statement of the minorities to be served, if a minority program.

...SECTION 22. ORS 430.345 is amended to read: 430.345.

...Upon application therefor, the Oregon Health Authority may make grants from funds specifically appropriated for the purposes of carrying out ORS 430.338 to 430.380 to any applicant for the establishment, operation and maintenance of alcohol and drug abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment services.

...SECTION 24. ORS 430.359 is amended to read:

...(c) The application of federal funds, including but not limited to general revenue sharing, distributions from the Oregon and California land grant fund and block grant funds to the alcohol and drug abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment services in the prior year when such funds are not available for such application in the current year;..."

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "[HB 4070 A] is complicated and should not have been selected for the short session. Further, [HB 4070 A] has 'No' FUND allocation and appears to issue unlimited 'Grants' to 'Non-profit and or Public Benefit Corporations' where the doctrine of 'Transparency' is reduced to the antics of the sleight of hand."