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This bill will enhance "equity" in OHP for more mental health/SUD coverage, which translates to MORE drug rehab facilities and workforce, which will cost more taxpayer dollars. OHA is not providing outcomes or tracking data to show the effectiveness of the rehab facility readmission rates, because their system has poor results. We do have results for opioid use disorder readmission and at one year out, there is NO decrease in readmission rates.

Costs will increase to the CCO's and OHP (which comes out of taxpayer pocketbooks), so it doesn't make sense to put good money after bad and pay more for what is not working currently. There are a few successful rehab programs, which have very low readmission rates, but the state will not use those because they are faith based programs.