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Opioid Settlement Revenues Directed Under Senate Action

House Bill 4098 will support addiction treatment, address behavioral health issues

SALEM – Today, the Senate unanimously approved [House Bill 4098](#). This legislation establishes the Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Board within the Oregon Health Authority to determine allocations of settlement revenue for statewide and regional programs that address opioid use disorder and other behavioral health issues.

“We are seeing the effects from the pandemic with the rising rates of drug and alcohol use. This public health crisis affects our economy, our healthcare system, and costs lives and livelihoods - not just for those suffering from addiction, but it has a negative ripple effect on family, friends and the community,” said [Senator Janeen Sollman](#) (D-Hillsboro), Chair of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, who carried House Bill 4098 on the Senate floor. “I know this from my own personal family issues deeply impacted by the disease of addiction. We must do better. Oregonians deserve better.”

Revenues to support the work of House Bill 4098 come from Oregon’s share of the settlement of a class action lawsuit against several opioid distributors, including McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and Johnson & Johnson. The Oregon Health Authority anticipates the state as a whole will receive a total \$333 million from these settlements, with 45% of the estimated total going to the state and 55% to go to qualifying local governments.

House Bill 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 newly created Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Board. 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.

House Bill 4098 now goes to the Governor for her signature.

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