



**Update to Board of County Commissioners**

**To: Board of County Commissioners**  
**RE: SB 1044 – relating to behavioral health**  
**Date: 05-16-2023**

**Requested Action from the BCC**

PGA is requesting direction on [SB 1044](#).

<p>Summary</p>	<p>Governor Tina Kotek has directly requested Clackamas County consider supporting SB 1044, one of her priority bills/issues to fund behavioral and mental health programs.</p> <p><b><i>Funding that will go directly to county programs:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10 M for community mental health programs (CMHPs) to provide outreach to, treatment for, and engagement of individuals with mental illness for whom civil commitment proceedings have been initiated</li> <li>• \$4.9 M for CMHPs to expand jail diversion</li> <li>• \$20 M to recruit and retain diverse health care providers, attract providers to underserved areas</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Other line items in the bill:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$15 M for substance use disorder facilities and recovery centers</li> <li>• \$1.5 M for OHSU to coordinate the availability of BH residential beds statewide</li> <li>• \$6 M for transition care management for folks discharged from state hospital at risk of homelessness</li> <li>• \$2.3 M to expand children’s psychiatric residential treatment capacity</li> <li>• \$8.3 M to expand access to behavioral rehabilitation services including to youth</li> <li>• \$7.7 M to expand child and adult suicide prevention, intervention and post intervention services</li> <li>• \$ 4 M to long-term care facilities behavioral health specialty care</li> </ul>
<p>Department Reviews and Comments</p>	<p>H3S – This bill will directly benefit the county through investments that are tied to CMHPs. This bill is silent on how these funds will be distributed, and historically funding is through a state competitive request for proposal. If these funds intend to have statewide impact it is important to request equitable funding formulas and distribution.</p> <p>PGA – The language is consistent with the County’s State Legislative Agenda and will not conflict with other priority funding requests.</p>
<p>Staff Recommendation</p>	<p><b>PGA recommends Clackamas County support SB 1044. Communicate a desire for an equitable formula, distribution process.</b></p>
<p>Timeline</p>	<p>SB 1044 unanimously passed the Senate Health Care Committee and has been referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means; no meetings are presently scheduled.</p>