

Fiscal Note

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2025 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB138-DOH-BHTRG-04-17-2025
 Title: BEH. HEALTH CRISIS SURCHARGE & FUND
 Sponsor: MINA
 Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health
 Appropriation: Behavioral Health
 Allocation: Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants
 OMB Component Number: 3099

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	***	FY 2026	***	***	***	***	***
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? Yes
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Health		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB138 seeks a sustainable funding source to enhance crisis response and to improve access to critical services. This bill establishes a \$0.98 monthly surcharge on phone lines to create the designated behavioral health crisis services fund within the general fund. The Department of Administration (DOA) will account for the surcharge collected and deposit it into the fund. The Legislature may appropriate funds to the Department of Health annually to support the 988 behavioral health crisis hotline, crisis services for individuals in need, recruitment and retention of mental health professionals, specialized training for at-risk communities, to support public awareness of the 988 hotline and crisis services available in the state and for data collection, analysis, and quality improvement efforts to enhance service effectiveness.

The Legislature may appropriate funds from the behavioral health crisis services fund to the Division of Behavioral Health. It is uncertain how much will be appropriated; therefore, an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.