

Senate Bill 1089

Sponsored by Senators CARTER, BATES (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Human Services to assess, evaluate and report on community mental health care delivery system in Oregon.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department to conduct assessment and evaluation and to produce report.

Sunsets January 2, 2009.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to community mental health care; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) During the 2007-2009 biennium, the Department of Human Services shall**
5 **conduct an assessment and evaluation of the community mental health care component of**
6 **the mental health care delivery system in Oregon.**

7 (2) **The assessment conducted under subsection (1) of this section shall include but is not**
8 **limited to:**

9 (a) **An assessment of the gap between the number of Oregonians in need of community**
10 **mental health care and the number who receive community mental health care;**

11 (b) **An assessment of the investment that the Department of Human Services, the De-**
12 **partment of Corrections and local governments make in community mental health care, in-**
13 **cluding an examination of the amount spent on community mental health care; and**

14 (c) **A catalog of the information that agencies and local governments use to evaluate the**
15 **performance of providers of community mental health care, including the data collected and**
16 **the performance measures and outcomes that are tracked by each agency and local govern-**
17 **ment.**

18 (3) **The assessment conducted under subsection (2)(a) of this section must include a**
19 **separate analysis of the gap between the demand for community mental health care by vet-**
20 **erans returning from tours in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hostile fire areas and the com-**
21 **munity mental health care that is provided at United States Department of Veterans Affairs**
22 **facilities.**

23 (4) **The evaluation conducted under subsection (1) of this section must contain:**

24 (a) **An analysis of the strengths and weaknesses in the state community mental health**
25 **care delivery system;**

26 (b) **An overview of future community mental health care delivery system needs; and**

27 (c) **Recommendations from the Department of Human Services for improving the quality,**
28 **effectiveness and efficiency of the community mental health care delivery system.**

29 (5) **The department shall provide a written report of the results of the assessment and**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 evaluation conducted under subsection (1) of this 2008 Act to the Senate Interim Committee
2 on Health and Human Services and the House Interim Committee on Health Care no later
3 than October 1, 2008.

4 (6) The department may contract with a private entity or individual to conduct the as-
5 sessment and evaluation and to produce the report required by this section.

6 SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the
7 biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$150,000 for the
8 purpose of implementing section 1 of this 2008 Act.

9 SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2008 Act are repealed January 2, 2009.

10 SECTION 4. This 2008 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
11 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2008 Act takes effect
12 on its passage.

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