

Senate Bill 98

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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**.

Establishes primary care provider loan repayment program in Oregon Health Authority. Requires authority to adopt rules for eligibility and participation in program.

Creates Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to authority for purposes of program.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to primary care provider loan repayment program; appropriating money; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created in the Oregon Health Authority the primary care pro-**
6 **vider loan repayment program for the purpose of assisting primary care providers who have**
7 **committed to serving medical assistance recipients in rural or medically underserved areas**
8 **of the state.**

9 **(2) The authority shall prescribe by rule:**

10 **(a) Participant eligibility criteria, including the types of primary care providers who may**
11 **participate in the program;**

12 **(b) The terms and conditions of participation in the program;**

13 **(c) The types of loans for which payments may be provided;**

14 **(d) The priority for distribution of funds available under subsection (4) of this section if**
15 **the funds are insufficient to provide assistance to all of the applicants who are eligible to**
16 **participate in the program; and**

17 **(e) Any other requirements necessary to ensure federal financial participation in the**
18 **costs of the program.**

19 **(3) The authority may enter into contracts with one or more public or private entities**
20 **to administer the program or parts of the program.**

21 **(4) There is created the Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund in the State**
22 **Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Primary Care**
23 **Provider Loan Repayment Fund is credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys appro-**
24 **priated from the General Fund and federal moneys received for the purpose of operating the**
25 **primary care provider loan repayment program. Moneys in the Primary Care Provider Loan**
26 **Repayment Fund are continuously appropriated to the authority to be used to implement and**
27 **operate the primary care provider loan repayment program.**

28 **SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

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 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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