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## SUMMARY

Appropriates moneys to Department of Human Services to collaborate with Oregon Health Authority to establish Center of Excellence on Behavioral Health for Older Adults and People with Disabilities. Specifies functions of center.

Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2019.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. The Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority, shall establish a statewide Center of Excellence on Behavioral Health for Older Adults and People with Disabilities. The center shall:**

**(1) Promote the behavioral health of older adults and people with disabilities residing in this state through a network of state and local services and support systems that reach out to older adults and people with disabilities who have mental health and substance use disorders;**

**(2) Identify and emphasize programs, research, technology and policy issues addressing behavioral health for older adults and people with disabilities who have mental health or substance use disorders; and**

**(3) Provide leadership, best practices, support and training focusing on behavioral health issues related to older adults and people with disabilities who have mental health or substance use disorders.**

**SECTION 2. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services,**

1 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the  
2 amount of \$2 million, which may be expended for carrying out section  
3 1 of this 2019 Act.

4 (2) The department shall enter into an interagency agreement with  
5 the Oregon Health Authority to transfer a portion of the funds ap-  
6 propriated by this section from the department to the authority to be  
7 expended by the authority in carrying out its responsibilities under  
8 section 1 of this 2019 Act.

9 SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-  
10 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-  
11 clared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect July 1, 2019.

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