

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3063

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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.

[Establishes Mental Health Housing Fund,] Appropriates moneys to Oregon Health Authority *[and requires authority to seek out and apply for additional moneys for fund]* to pay for construction and start-up costs of housing for individuals with mental illness. Requires authority to convene advisory group.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to housing for individuals with mental illness; creating new provisions; amending section
3 9, chapter 812, Oregon Laws 2015; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide funding for:**

6 **(a) The development of community-based housing for individuals with mental illness; and**

7 **(b) Crisis intervention services, rental subsidies and other housing-related services to**
8 **help keep individuals with mental illness safe and healthy in their communities.**

9 **(2) The authority shall use moneys in the Housing for Mental Health Fund and any leg-**
10 **islative appropriation for such purposes to provide funding for up to:**

11 **(a) Thirty-five percent of the costs for the purchase of land and the construction of**
12 **housing for individuals with mental illness; and**

13 **(b) Fifty percent of the start-up costs of the housing, including but not limited to fix-**
14 **tures, furnishing and training of staff.**

15 **(3) The authority may waive the 35 percent limit on construction costs under subsection**
16 **(2)(a) of this section for a low-cost project or to meet a critical need in a rural area.**

17 **(4) The authority shall convene an advisory group to make recommendations to the au-**
18 **thority for:**

19 **(a) The allocation of moneys between different types of housing;**

20 **(b) Soliciting proposals; and**

21 **(c) Processing applications.**

22 **(5) The advisory group convened under subsection (4) of this section must include:**

23 **(a) One representative of a private provider of mental health treatment;**

24 **(b) One representative of a private provider of substance abuse treatment;**

25 **(c) Two representatives of groups that advocate on behalf of consumers of mental health**
26 **or substance abuse treatment;**

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 (d) Two staff persons from the division of the Oregon Health Authority that regulates
2 mental health and substance abuse treatment programs;

3 (e) Two consumers of mental health or substance abuse treatment;

4 (f) One representative of a community mental health program;

5 (g) One person with expertise in developing and financing community housing projects;
6 and

7 (h) One representative of community corrections.

8 **SECTION 2.** Section 9, chapter 812, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 9.** (1) The Housing for Mental Health Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate
10 and distinct from the General Fund. The Housing for Mental Health Fund consists of moneys de-
11 posited in the fund under section 8, [*of this 2015 Act*] **chapter 812, Oregon Laws 2015, and section**
12 **3 of this 2017 Act**, and may include moneys appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the
13 fund by the Legislative Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the fund.

14 (2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the [*Housing and Community Services*
15 *Department*] **Oregon Health Authority** for disbursement for the purposes set forth in [*section 8 of*
16 *this 2015 Act*] **section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

17 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium be-
18 ginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ million for the pur-
19 poses described in section 1 of this 2017 Act.

20 **SECTION 4.** Section 9, chapter 812, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 2 of this 2017
21 Act, is amended to read:

22 **Sec. 9.** (1) The Housing for Mental Health Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate
23 and distinct from the General Fund. The Housing for Mental Health Fund consists of moneys [*de-*
24 *posited in the fund under section 8, chapter 812, Oregon Laws 2015, and section 3 of this 2017 Act,*
25 *and may include moneys*] appropriated, allocated, deposited or transferred to the fund by the Legis-
26 lative Assembly or otherwise and interest earned on moneys in the fund.

27 (2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for dis-
28 bursement for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this 2017 Act.

29 **SECTION 5.** The amendments to section 9, chapter 812, Oregon Laws 2015, by section 4
30 of this 2017 Act become operative on July 1, 2019.

31 **SECTION 6.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
33 on its passage.

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