

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 **as introduced**.

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

Relating to housing for individuals with mental illness; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall seek out and apply for grants, gifts and contributions of moneys to pay for:

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

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

(2) **The authority shall use moneys received under subsection (1) of this section and any legislative appropriation for such purposes to provide funding for up to:**

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

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

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

(4) **The authority shall convene an advisory group to make recommendations to the authority for:**

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

(b) **Soliciting proposals; and**

(c) **Processing applications.**

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

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

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

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

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

(e) **Two consumers of mental health 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 (f) One representative of a community mental health program;

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

3 and

4 (h) One representative of community corrections.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Mental Health Housing Fund is established in the State Treasury, sep-
6 arate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the Mental Health Housing Fund are
7 continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for carrying out the provisions
8 of section 1 of this 2017 Act. The Mental Health Housing Fund consists of moneys received
9 under section 1 of this 2017 and moneys from the General Fund appropriated for such pur-
10 poses. Moneys in the Mental Health Housing Fund at the end of a biennium are retained in
11 the fund and do not revert to the General Fund.

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

15 **SECTION 4.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
16 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
17 on its passage.

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