

House Bill 3125

Sponsored by Representative WILDE

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**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to administer program to provide loans to hospitals for establishing new primary care residency programs.

Authorizes authority to establish cost-sharing programs to train residency physicians entering medical practice in rural areas.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to post-graduate medical education; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall administer a program to provide loans to hospitals, of up to \$3 million, for making capital expenditures to establish new primary care residency programs that are sponsored by accredited medical schools or osteopathic post-graduate training institutions.

(2) The authority shall adopt rules establishing eligibility criteria for obtaining loans, application procedures, repayment requirements, interest or other charges and procedures in case of default. Loans must be repaid within a 10-year period.

(3) Loans shall be paid out of funds transferred to the authority from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund in section 2 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 2. There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund, to the Oregon Health Authority, the amount of \$50 million for providing loans to the program described in section 1 of this 2019 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Health Authority is authorized to establish and administer cost-sharing programs to train residency physicians who are planning to enter medical practice in rural areas, as may be arranged by contract with accredited training hospitals within this state. The cost sharing shall be limited to residency programs in family practice, pediatrics, internal medicine and psychiatry that are sponsored by accredited medical schools or osteopathic post-graduate training institutions. The authority may pay up to \$25,000 to an institution for each resident position that is reserved for training students who are planning to enter medical practice in rural areas. An institution may not receive more than \$500,000 annually under this program.

(2) Funds for programs established under subsection (1) of this section shall be paid from the Oregon Health Authority Fund established under ORS 413.101 and may not be used for any program located in a city with a population exceeding 400,000.

SECTION 4. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for deposit in the Oregon Health Authority Fund to

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 **fund cost-sharing programs established under section 3 of this 2019 Act.**

2 **SECTION 5. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
3 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
4 **July 1, 2019.**

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