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## SUMMARY

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish grant programs related to community violence prevention. Appropriates moneys from General Fund for grant programs.

Directs authority to approve national training and certification program for certified violence prevention professionals and to seek federal approval to secure federal financial participation in costs of providing medical assistance program coverage for community violence prevention services for medical assistance program enrollees who meet certain criteria.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to public health approaches to community violence prevention; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a pro-**  
6 **gram to provide grants to organizations for community violence pre-**  
7 **vention and intervention measures that address intermediate risk**  
8 **factors and support protective factors to decrease social pressure to**  
9 **engage in community violence, including, but not limited to, services**  
10 **related to:**

11 (a) **Substance abuse and alcohol misuse, excluding direct treatment**  
12 **of substance use disorders.**

13 (b) **Legal services.**

14 (c) **Educational attainment.**

15 (d) **Conflict resolution.**

16 (e) **Parent education.**

1 (f) Employment services, including assistance procuring vital re-  
2 cords and official documents.

3 (g) Youth and gang intervention.

4 (h) Housing stability.

5 (i) Street outreach and norm change.

6 (2) The authority may provide grants to an organization that pro-  
7 vides technical assistance to another organization that qualifies to  
8 receive grants under this section.

9 (3) The authority may request data from organizations receiving  
10 grants, but may not consider program attrition or participant guar-  
11 antee in data collection in awarding grants.

12 (4) The authority may adopt rules to implement this section.

13 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a pro-  
14 gram to provide grants to organizations that:

15 (a) Have prior demonstrated experience operating hospital-based  
16 violence intervention programs;

17 (b) Have an existing relationship with an Oregon hospital or hospi-  
18 tal system; and

19 (c) Demonstrate:

20 (A) How additional funding will grow capacity to serve more  
21 Oregonians within the organization's evidence-based model; or

22 (B) A commitment to serve as a learning center for other organ-  
23 izations that wish to establish new hospital-based violence inter-  
24 vention programs in Oregon.

25 (2)(a) The authority shall establish a program to provide grants for  
26 planning, provider training and certification and general capacity to  
27 hospitals and community-based organizations to develop hospital-  
28 based violence intervention programs in communities of need other  
29 than in Multnomah County to reduce and interrupt the chronic cycle  
30 of community violence.

31 (b) The authority shall require a hospital or organization receiving

1 a grant under this section to demonstrate:

2 (A) A commitment to national best practices and standards of care;  
3 and

4 (B) An understanding of the hospital-based violence intervention  
5 model, the role of trusted community messengers and a plan to certify  
6 violence prevention professionals.

7 (3) The authority may adopt rules to implement this section.

8 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section:

9 (a) “Act of community violence” means an intentional act of  
10 interpersonal violence committed in public by someone who is not the  
11 victim’s family member or intimate partner.

12 (b) “Certified violence prevention professional” means a person  
13 certified by a program approved under subsection (2) of this section.

14 (c)(A) “Community violence prevention services” includes  
15 evidence-based, trauma-informed, supportive and  
16 nonpsychotherapeutic services, offered in or out of a clinical setting.

17 (B) “Community violence prevention services” also includes but is  
18 not limited to peer support or counseling, mentorship, conflict medi-  
19 ation, crisis intervention, targeted case management, referrals to cer-  
20 tified or licensed health care or social services providers, and patient  
21 education and screening services, provided by a certified violence pre-  
22 vention professional to:

23 (i) Promote improved health outcomes and positive behavioral  
24 change;

25 (ii) Prevent injury recidivism; and

26 (iii) Reduce the likelihood that victims of acts of community vi-  
27 olence will commit or promote violence themselves.

28 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall approve at least one national  
29 training and certification program for certified violence prevention  
30 professionals. A program approved under this subsection must require  
31 at least 35 hours of initial training and six hours of continuing edu-

1 cation every two years and address:

2 (a) The profound effects of trauma and violence and the basics of  
3 trauma-informed care;

4 (b) Community violence prevention strategies, including crisis  
5 intervention, de-escalation, conflict mediation and retaliation pre-  
6 vention;

7 (c) Case management and advocacy practices; and

8 (d) Patient privacy requirements under the federal Health Insur-  
9 ance Portability and Accountability Act privacy regulations, 45 C.F.R.  
10 parts 160 and 164.

11 (3) A person that employs or contracts with a certified violence  
12 prevention professional to provide community violence prevention  
13 services shall:

14 (a) Maintain documentation that the professional is certified by a  
15 program approved under subsection (2) of this section; and

16 (b) Ensure that the professional complies with applicable state or  
17 federal laws, regulations, rules and standards of care.

18 (4) The authority shall seek federal approval to secure federal fi-  
19 nancial participation in the costs of providing medical assistance pro-  
20 gram coverage for community violence prevention services for medical  
21 assistance program enrollees who:

22 (a) Have received medical treatment for an injury sustained from  
23 an act of community violence; and

24 (b) Have been referred by a certified or licensed health care or so-  
25 cial services provider to receive services from a certified violence pre-  
26 vention professional after the provider determined the enrollee is at a  
27 higher risk of retaliation or a violent injury from another act of  
28 community violence.

29 (5) The authority may adopt rules to implement this section.

30 SECTION 4. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-  
31 priation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the

1 **biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount**  
2 **of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for purposes of awarding grants**  
3 **under section 1 of this 2022 Act.**

4 **(2) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there**  
5 **is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium**  
6 **ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_,**  
7 **which may be expended for purposes of awarding grants under section**  
8 **2 (1) of this 2022 Act.**

9 **(3) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there**  
10 **is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium**  
11 **ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_,**  
12 **which may be expended for purposes of awarding grants under section**  
13 **2 (2) of this 2022 Act.**

14 **SECTION 5. This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**  
15 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**  
16 **clared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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