

# House Bill 2952

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (at the request of Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities)

## 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**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for allocation to area agencies to address unmet needs of seniors for mental and behavioral health treatment and to address disproportionate burdens on seniors arising from COVID-19 pandemic.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas seniors faced disproportionate mortality rates and duress in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas seniors have the highest risk for suicide and unmet needs for mental and behavioral health treatment; now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which shall be allocated to area agencies, as defined in ORS 410.040, to address the unmet needs of seniors for mental and behavioral health treatment and to address the disproportionate burdens on seniors arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**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.