

Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2980**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete lines 5 through 25.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 27 and insert:

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

4 **“(a) ‘Peer respite services’ means voluntary, nonclinical, short-term**
5 **residential peer support provided:**

6 **“(A) In a homelike setting to individuals with mental illness or**
7 **trauma response symptoms who are experiencing acute distress, anx-**
8 **iety or emotional pain that may lead to the need for a higher level of**
9 **care such as psychiatric inpatient hospital services; and**

10 **“(B) By a peer-run organization and directed and delivered by indi-**
11 **viduals with lived experience in coping with, seeking recovery from**
12 **or overcoming mental illness or trauma response challenges.**

13 **“(b) ‘Peer-run organization’ means an organization:**

14 **“(A) In which a majority of the individuals who oversee the**
15 **organization’s operation and who are in positions of control have re-**
16 **ceived mental health services;**

17 **“(B) That is fully independent, separate and autonomous from other**
18 **mental health agencies; and**

19 **“(C) That has the authority and responsibility for all oversight and**
20 **decision-making on governance, financial, personnel, policy and pro-**
21 **gram issues in the organization.**

1 “(c) ‘Peer support’ means assistance provided by individuals who
2 are current or former consumers of mental health treatment in:

3 “(A) Addressing financial problems and other issues affecting the
4 social determinants of health;

5 “(B) Managing trauma using natural supports; and

6 “(C) Assisting with crisis management and coping with potential
7 crisis situations.

8 “(2)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide funding to one
9 or more peer-run organizations to operate four peer respite centers to
10 complement existing local crisis response services, one each to be lo-
11 cated in the Portland metropolitan area, the southern Oregon region,
12 the Oregon coast and the central and eastern Oregon region. Each
13 peer respite center shall provide up to two weeks of continuous peer
14 respite services to six or fewer individuals.

15 “(b) At least one of the peer respite centers must participate in a
16 pilot project designed specifically to provide culturally responsive ser-
17 vices to historically underrepresented communities, such as commu-
18 nities of color including Black, African American, Latino, Asian,
19 Asian American or Pacific Islander communities, or to the nine
20 federally recognized tribes in this state.

21 “(3) The authority shall prescribe by rule the requirements for peer
22 respite centers receiving funding under this section and may require
23 peer respite centers to provide data and other reports to enable the
24 authority to monitor and evaluate the services provided by the peer
25 respite centers.

26 “(4) The authority shall collaborate with county behavioral health
27 departments or contractors of county behavioral health departments
28 to incorporate peer respite services into the continuum of care pro-
29 vided by the departments or contractors to individuals who are expe-
30 riencing behavioral health crises or who may be at risk of experiencing

1 behavioral health crises.

2 “(5) As a condition of the receipt of funding, peer-run organizations
3 must allow the authority or the authority’s designees access to the
4 peer respite centers to conduct investigations and assessments, as
5 necessary, to ensure that residents receive the quality and scope of
6 services required.

7 “SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
8 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the
9 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount
10 of \$6,000,000, which shall be expended for providing \$750,000 to each
11 peer respite center each year as described in section 1 of this 2021
12 Act.”.

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