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Senate Bill 1044

Ordered by the Senate April 3
Including Senate Amendments dated April 3

Sponsored by Senator WAGNER (at the request of Governor Tina Kotek)

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.

[Requires Oregon Health Authority to study access to behavioral health treatment. Directs authority to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2024.]

Appropriates moneys for various purposes related to behavioral health treatment.

[Sunsets January 2, 2025.]

Declares emergency, effective on passage July 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health; and declaring an emergency.

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 Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $74,200,000, which shall be expended as follows:

1. $6,000,000 for transition case management for individuals discharged from the Oregon State Hospital who are at risk of homelessness;
2. $10,000,000 for community mental health programs to provide outreach to, treatment for and engagement of individuals with mental illness for whom civil commitment proceedings have been initiated under ORS 426.070 and after civil commitment proceedings have been dismissed, if needed to provide stability to the individuals and give them access to treatment;
3. $4,900,000 for community mental health programs to expand jail diversion services;
4. $2,300,000 to expand children’s psychiatric residential treatment capacity;
5. $8,300,000 to:
   a. Expand access to behavioral rehabilitation services to all medical assistance recipients in need of the services; and
   b. Support the expansion of service hubs for youth who are transitioning to adulthood;
6. $7,700,000 to expand child and adult suicide prevention, intervention and post-intervention services to reduce suicides in this state;
7. $15,000,000 for substance use disorder facilities and recovery centers; and
8. $20,000,000 for the health care provider incentive program created in ORS 676.454 to recruit and retain diverse health care providers and attract providers to underserved areas.

SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,
2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $1,500,000, to be distributed to the Oregon Health and Science University to coordinate the availability of behavioral health residential beds statewide.

SECTION 3. 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, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of $4,000,000, which shall be expended for long term care facility behavioral health specialty care.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.