

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 796

Ordered by the Senate March 13
Including Senate Amendments dated March 13

Sponsored by Senators PATTERSON, KNOPP, Representative REYNOLDS

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.

Establishes Oregon Memory Net [*program*] **pilot project** to provide opportunity for primary care providers to refer for memory assessment at neurologic clinic patients showing signs of cognitive decline or impairment but who have not been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

Requires Department of Human Services to report to Legislative Assembly by October 31, 2024, on communities served by pilot project, results of pilot project and recommendations on whether to expand pilot project.

Sunsets June 30, 2025.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to dementia; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Memory Net pilot project is established to provide primary**
5 **care providers with the opportunity to refer to a memory assessment clinic patients who**
6 **show signs of cognitive decline or impairment, but who have not been diagnosed with**
7 **Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. The Department of Human Services shall**
8 **contract with an Alzheimer's Disease Research Center located in Oregon that is designated**
9 **by the National Institute on Aging to subcontract with a neurologic clinic that has a memory**
10 **assessment clinic. The subcontract must prioritize developing capacity outside of the**
11 **Portland metropolitan area to accept referrals and conduct memory assessments.**

12 **(2) No later than October 31, 2024, the department shall report to the interim committees**
13 **of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245:**

14 **(a) Which communities are being served by memory assessment clinics under this sec-**
15 **tion;**

16 **(b) The results of the pilot project; and**

17 **(c) Recommendations on whether to expand the Oregon Memory Net statewide.**

18 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
19 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of**
20 **the General Fund, the amount of \$800,000, which may be expended for carrying out the pro-**
21 **visions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

22 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on June 30, 2025.**

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

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 **July 1, 2023.**

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