

Senate Bill 1592

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Gives money to a state agency to give to some colleges to help train more mental health workers. (Flesch Readability Score: 71).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to certain institutions of higher education to expand the behavioral health workforce in Oregon.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to expansion of behavioral health workforce; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, for distribution to the following institutions in the following amounts for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section:

(a) Eastern Oregon University: \$1,000,000.

(b) Oregon Institute of Technology: \$1,000,000.

(c) Portland State University: \$2,000,000.

(d) Southern Oregon University: \$1,000,000.

(e) Western Oregon University: \$1,000,000.

(2) Moneys received under subsection (1) of this section may be used for education and training to expand the behavioral health workforce in Oregon by, including but not limited to:

(a) Awarding stipends, fellowships, scholarships or any other type of tuition assistance to students.

(b) Providing behavioral and mental health services to individuals from underserved communities, including individuals who are veterans, homeless or living in rural environments.

(c) Partnering with community organizations to develop career pathways.

(d) Developing education and training programs.

(e) Any other method reasonably necessary to expand access to education and training in this state for the next generation of behavioral and mental health practitioners.

SECTION 2. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2024 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.

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