

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2059

Ordered by the House April 15
Including House Amendments dated April 15

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE (Presession filed.)

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

Digest: The Act creates a program to fund certain mental health and SUD treatment programs. (Flesch Readability Score: 77.8).

[Digest: The Act tells OHA to create a unit focused on building new mental health and SUD facilities. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).]

[Directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a unit dedicated to developing sufficient adult behavioral health facilities to serve the needs of each trauma system area in this state.] **Establishes the Residential Behavioral Health Capacity Program within the Oregon Health Authority to fund behavioral health programs that are determined by the authority to increase residential behavioral health capacity throughout this state.**

Sunset on January 2, *[2031]* **2027.**

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to adult behavioral health facilities; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "residential treatment facility" has the meaning**
5 **given that term in ORS 443.400.**

6 **(2) The Residential Behavioral Health Capacity Program is established within the Oregon**
7 **Health Authority to fund behavioral health programs that are determined by the authority**
8 **to increase residential behavioral health capacity throughout this state. The authority shall**
9 **distribute funding to behavioral health programs that the authority determines, according**
10 **to the guidelines described in subsection (3) of this section, are likely to have the greatest**
11 **immediate impact on communities' needs for increased withdrawal management facility,**
12 **residential treatment facility and psychiatric inpatient facility capacity.**

13 **(3) The authority, after soliciting and considering input from regional partners and**
14 **practitioners, shall develop guidelines for distributing funding to behavioral health programs.**
15 **The guidelines shall include, but are not limited to, the following factors:**

16 **(a) The impact of the behavioral health program on the needs identified in a report that**
17 **was commissioned by the authority to study statewide needs for residential behavioral health**
18 **capacity;**

19 **(b) The ability of the behavioral health program to quickly put the funding to use, in-**
20 **cluding the availability of a service provider;**

21 **(c) The bed-to-cost ratio of a behavioral health program's proposed project, with priority**
22 **given to shovel-ready projects;**

23 **(d) Geographic equity across this state;**

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 **(e) The impact of the behavioral health program on the needs of individuals who have**
2 **been committed to the authority under ORS 426.130 or committed to a state hospital under**
3 **ORS 161.327 or 161.370; and**

4 **(f) Local community input on proposed projects that will serve the highest need.**

5 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
6 **ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the**
7 **General Fund, the amount of \$90,000,000, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of**
8 **section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

9 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

10 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
12 **July 1, 2025.**

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