

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2723**

Ordered by the House March 14  
Including House Amendments dated March 14

Sponsored by Representative SOLLMAN; Representatives HAYDEN, KENY-GUYER, MEEK (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.

*[Prohibits exclusion of hippotherapy from services provided in medical assistance.]*

**Requires Health Evidence Review Commission to evaluate therapeutic and clinical effectiveness of hippotherapy for purpose of possible inclusion on prioritized list of health services provided in medical assistance program and report findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health by December 31, 2017.**

**Sunset January 2, 2019.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to hippotherapy; 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, "hippotherapy" means the use of equine move-**  
5 **ment as a treatment tool by physical or occupational therapists or speech-language**  
6 **pathologists.**

7 **(2) The Health Evidence Review Commission shall consider the therapeutic and clinical**  
8 **effectiveness and the cost-effectiveness of hippotherapy as a treatment tool to determine if**  
9 **hippotherapy meets the criteria for inclusion in the prioritized list of health services or in**  
10 **the clinical practice guidelines developed and maintained by the commission in accordance**  
11 **with ORS 414.690.**

12 **(3) No later than December 31, 2017, the commission shall report its findings under sub-**  
13 **section (2) of this section to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**  
14 **health.**

15 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2019.**

16 **SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**  
18 **on its passage.**

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**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.