

Senate Bill 173

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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**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services to expand programs serving behavioral health needs of seniors and persons with disabilities.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to funding for behavioral health services; 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 Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$10 million, which shall be expended to:

(a) Hire one trained and experienced staff person or clinician for each community mental health program who will be responsible for programs addressing the behavioral health needs of seniors and persons with disabilities;

(b) Increase the number of behavioral health specialists committed to serving seniors and persons with disabilities in each community mental health program;

(c) Provide programmatic support for behavioral health services, consultation and training provided by specialists to seniors and persons with disabilities who are served by community mental health programs and social service agencies, with emphasis on reaching seniors and persons with disabilities in rural or remote areas or areas that lack sufficient behavioral health treatment providers;

(d) Provide evidence-based programming, approaches and models to help seniors and persons with disabilities who have mental health and addiction issues;

(e) Provide suicide prevention services within the senior and disability communities, particularly to older men;

(f) Provide aging and disability resource center programming concerning community outreach, information and referral to seniors and persons with disabilities;

(g) Provide community-based behavioral health counseling options, including individual, group and peer counseling, to seniors and persons with disabilities in their homes and in community-based settings, including community-based long term care facilities;

(h) Provide training and education to seniors and persons with disabilities and to their advocates, family members, care providers, health professionals and mental health professionals;

(i) Enhance care assessment and services for seniors and persons with disabilities;

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 (j) Collect data and research on behavioral health issues and service needs of seniors and
2 persons with disabilities;

3 (k) Carry out the recommendations of the preadmission screening programs in the au-
4 thority and the Department of Human Services regarding the behavioral health of seniors
5 and persons with disabilities;

6 (L) Provide opioid response and education, including peer mentoring, to seniors and per-
7 sons with disabilities; and

8 (m) Carry out a public health campaign addressing behavioral health issues affecting
9 seniors and persons with disabilities.

10 (2) The authority shall transfer to the department, out of the moneys appropriated under
11 subsection (1) of this section, amounts sufficient to pay for the services described in sub-
12 section (1) of this section that are provided by the department.

13 SECTION 2. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
15 July 1, 2019.

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