

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4031

By COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “health;” delete the rest of the line and delete lines
2 3 through 11.

3 In line 12, delete “813.200;”.

4 Delete lines 14 through 27 and delete pages 2 through 105 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall prepare an assessment that forecasts**
6 **the supply of and demand for behavioral health professionals in this state over the next 10**
7 **years. The assessment must function as an evaluative and planning tool for the Legislative**
8 **Assembly with regard to behavioral health professionals.**

9 **“(2) The assessment must focus on compiling the existing work of the authority with**
10 **relevant previously conducted studies and relevant local and national data in order to de-**
11 **termine specifically how to develop and improve the behavioral health workforce of this**
12 **state. The assessment must detail the behavioral health professionals who are currently**
13 **ready to enter the workforce and the need for behavioral health professionals by specific**
14 **types of services and professionals and must forecast the need for behavioral health profes-**
15 **sionals in 10 years.**

16 **“(3) In addition to the requirements described in subsection (2) of this section, the as-**
17 **essment must:**

18 **“(a) Specifically identify any current gaps in the behavioral health workforce and the**
19 **ability of the workforce to meet the needs of this state;**

20 **“(b) Determine the number and type of behavioral health professionals who are currently**
21 **completing educational programs, obtaining licensure or other authorization to practice and**
22 **entering the workforce, and determine the number of unlicensed behavioral health profes-**
23 **sionals entering into the workforce or expanding their scopes of practice;**

24 **“(c) Include results from consultation with the Department of Education, the Higher**
25 **Education Coordinating Commission and relevant health professional regulatory boards in**
26 **this state to determine relevant information for the assessment; and**

27 **“(d) Identify and evaluate any barriers to meeting the current goals for the behavioral**
28 **health workforce, and make recommendations that clearly articulate strategies to remove**
29 **or overcome barriers.**

30 **“(4) Health professional regulatory boards and state agencies that regulate any behav-**
31 **ioral health professionals, and public institutions of higher education and technical schools**
32 **that offer educational programs related to behavioral health, shall cooperate with the au-**
33 **thority as requested by the authority for purposes of the assessment described in this sec-**
34 **tion.**

35 **“(5) Not later than November 1, 2020, the authority shall submit the assessment de-**

1 scribed in this section, and any recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee
2 of the Legislative Assembly related to behavioral health.

3 SECTION 2. This 2020 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2020
4 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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