

# House Bill 2370

Sponsored by Representatives HUDSON, SALINAS (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to conduct needs assessment identifying current mental health provider education programs and curricula offered at community colleges and public universities.

Sunsets January 2, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to mental health provider education; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "mental health provider" means:**

**(a) A psychologist licensed under ORS 675.010 to 675.150;**

**(b) A clinical social worker licensed under ORS 675.530; and**

**(c) A professional counselor or marriage and family therapist licensed under ORS 675.715.**

**(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall conduct a needs assessment.**

**The purpose of the needs assessment is to identify the existing mental health provider education programs at community colleges, public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and Oregon Health and Sciences University and determine if the number of programs and the curricula offered are adequate to train enough mental health providers to meet the current and future mental health care needs across Oregon.**

**(3) No later than September 15, 2022, the commission shall submit a report on its findings, and may include recommendations for legislation, to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education in the manner provided by ORS 192.245. The report may include recommendations on ways in which the Legislative Assembly can assist in increasing the number of mental health providers.**

**SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

**SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**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.