House Bill 2950

Sponsored by Representative SALINAS

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.**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to study impacts of COVID-19 on demand for behavioral health services and make recommendations to interim committees of Legislative Assembly, no later than September 15, 2022, for legislative changes needed to increase access to behavioral health services for all Oregonians.

Sunsets January 2, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to behavioral health; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 SECTION 1. **(1) The Oregon Health Authority shall study the impacts of COVID-19 on the**

5 **demand for behavioral health services and possible approaches to increasing access to be-**

6 **havioral health services throughout this state. Based on the authority's study and evalu-**

7 **ation, the authority shall develop recommendations for legislative concepts to increase**

8 **access to behavioral health services for all Oregonians and particularly to Oregonians in**

9 **rural areas of this state and to medically underserved populations.**

10 **(2) No later than September 15, 2022, the authority shall report its recommendations, in**

11 **the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly**

12 **related to behavioral health.**

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 **Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

14 SECTION 3. **This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**

15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**

16 **on its passage.**

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