

House Bill 3276

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG, Senator PATTERSON (at the request of Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens, United Seniors of Oregon, Oregon Consumer League)

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 to Department of Human Services to restore funding, eliminated in 2020, for behavioral health programs serving seniors and persons with disabilities.
Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to state finance; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas in 2020 the Legislative Assembly reduced funding paid to local agencies and organiza-
4 tions to provide preventive behavioral health programs and services to seniors and people with
5 disabilities; now, therefore,

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

7 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
8 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of**
9 **the General Fund, the amount of \$1,800,000, which shall be distributed to local area agencies**
10 **on aging and disabilities or other local programs serving seniors or people with disabilities**
11 **to pay for preventive and behavioral health programs and services that emphasize creative**
12 **and innovative community and facility approaches to behavioral health within the senior and**
13 **disability communities.**

14 **SECTION 2. 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 **July 1, 2021.**

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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.