

Requested by Representative NOSSE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2949**

1 On page 4 of the printed bill, after line 28, insert:

2 **“SECTION 16. (1) The Behavioral Health Provider Training Equity**
3 **Outcome Focused Pilot program is established in the Oregon Health**
4 **Authority to increase retention, advancement and equity for behav-**
5 **ioral health workers by providing stipends to workers while they par-**
6 **ticipate in training or in master’s degree programs to become qualified**
7 **behavioral health treatment providers.**

8 **“(2) The authority shall partner with the American Federation of**
9 **State, County and Municipal Employees union to provide apprentice-**
10 **ships, training and support to individuals in the following three**
11 **cohorts:**

12 **“(a) Peer support workers and other entry level workers who are**
13 **training to become addiction counselors;**

14 **“(b) Behavioral health workers with two or more years of experi-**
15 **ence who are training to become residential counselors or secure res-**
16 **idential treatment specialists; and**

17 **“(c) Behavioral health workers who are seeking to complete a**
18 **master’s degree program and to qualify for certification by the Mental**
19 **Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon or another recog-**
20 **nized certification entity approved by the authority.**

21 **“(3) The program must provide support to 36 participants who are**

1 in a training program of 12 months or less and 12 participants who are
2 in a two-year degree program.

3 **“(4) The support provided to participants in the program includes:**

4 **“(a) Free college courses offered by the American Federation of**
5 **State, County and Municipal Employees union.**

6 **“(b) Training to meet the requirements needed for certification by**
7 **the Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon.**

8 **“(c) Supervision.**

9 **“(d) Assistance in completing an application for certification by the**
10 **Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon.**

11 **“(e) Assistance in navigating graduate school admissions programs.**

12 **“(f) Assistance in navigating student loan forgiveness programs.**

13 **“(g) Sixteen hours of training on equity issues in behavioral health**
14 **delivery systems.**

15 **“(h) A monthly stipend for time spent in training.**

16 **“(5) The program shall engage trainers who are Black, indigenous**
17 **or other people of color to assist participants in the program to**
18 **achieve their goals and advance their careers.**

19 **“(6) In the second 12 months of the program, a behavioral health**
20 **provider that employs a participant in the program shall contribute**
21 **one-third of the stipend paid to the participant if the participant**
22 **commits to remain with the employer for 12 months after completing**
23 **the program.”.**

24 In line 29, delete “16” and insert “17”.

25 On page 5, line 37, delete “17” and insert “18”.

26 On page 6, line 17, delete “18” and insert “19”.

27 On page 7, line 18, delete “19” and insert “20”.

28 On page 8, line 38, delete “20” and insert “21”.

29 On page 9, line 35, delete “21” and insert “22”.

30 On page 11, delete lines 4 through 7 and insert:

1 **SECTION 23.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
2 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the
3 biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount
4 of \$850,000, which may be expended for carrying out section 16 of this
5 2021 Act.

6 **SECTION 24.** Section 15 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December
7 31, 2022.

8 **SECTION 25.** Section 16 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2,
9 2024.

10 **SECTION 26.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
12 declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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