

# House Bill 2651

Sponsored by Representative BYNUM; Representatives DEXTER, PHAM H, REYNOLDS, Senator CAMPOS (at the request of Washington County) (Pre-session filed.)

## 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 from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority to be used for specified purposes related to expanding behavioral health provider workforce.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to behavioral health providers; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$30,000,000, to be deposited to the Behavioral Health Incentive Subaccount created in ORS 675.653.

**SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$30,000,000, which shall be allocated to counties to be used by June 30, 2025, for the purposes specified in ORS 675.655 (2).

**SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000, which shall be expended by June 30, 2025, to conduct outreach to counties, behavioral health practitioners, educational institutions and the public about the programs described in ORS 675.655, 675.658 and 675.661.

**SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$20,000,000, which shall be allocated as follows and expended by June 30, 2025, to provide grants for clinical supervision in accordance with ORS 675.658:

(1) \$7,000,000 to county mental health programs;

(2) \$7,000,000 for private practitioners; and

(3) \$6,000,000 to the authority to expend as necessary to carry out the purposes of ORS 675.658.

**SECTION 5.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect July 1, 2023.

**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.