

Requested by Representative PHAM H

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2977**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, before the period insert “; and pre-  
2 scribing an effective date”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 22 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 4 of this 2023 Act are added to and**  
5 **made a part of ORS 660.300 to 660.364.**

6 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

7 **“(a) ‘Community college’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
8 **341.005.**

9 **“(b) ‘Institution of higher education’ means:**

10 **“(A) A public or private college or university.**

11 **“(B) A community college.**

12 **“(C) A nonprofit college or university.**

13 **“(c) ‘Nonprofit college or university’ means a college or university**  
14 **that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the**  
15 **Internal Revenue Code and that is accredited by a regional accrediting**  
16 **association or a national successor of the accrediting association.**

17 **“(d) ‘Training program’ means a course of study that results in**  
18 **certification, licensure or other credentials recognized in the field of**  
19 **behavioral health.**

20 **“(e) ‘University’ includes:**

21 **“(A) A public university listed in ORS 352.002.**

1       **“(B) Oregon Health and Science University.**

2       **“(C) An Oregon-based private university.**

3       **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a grant program**  
4 **for the purpose of distributing moneys to institutions of higher edu-**  
5 **cation, and organizations that administer training programs, to de-**  
6 **velop training and instructional programs that prepare students to**  
7 **enter into the behavioral health workforce.**

8       **“(3) Moneys awarded to a grant recipient under subsection (2) of**  
9 **this section may be used for:**

10       **“(a) Scholarships or other tuition assistance for students going into**  
11 **the field of behavioral health.**

12       **“(b) Developing pathways to employment opportunities in the field**  
13 **of behavioral health.**

14       **“(c) Recruitment and outreach efforts to increase the number of**  
15 **students training for and entering into the behavioral health**  
16 **workforce.**

17       **“(d) Job training and instruction for behavioral health occupations.**

18       **“(4)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish by rule criteria**  
19 **and standards by which an institution of higher education or an or-**  
20 **ganization that administers training programs may apply for and re-**  
21 **ceive a grant award. At a minimum, the rules must:**

22       **“(A) Include a methodology for reviewing and approving grant ap-**  
23 **plications; and**

24       **“(B) Establish grant application periods that enable the authority**  
25 **to distribute grant funds in accordance with grant distribution re-**  
26 **quirements established under section 3 of this 2023 Act.**

27       **“(b) The authority shall award grants based on the ability of the**  
28 **applicant to use the grant as required under subsection (3) of this**  
29 **section.**

30       **“(5) A recipient of grant moneys under this section shall compile**

1 and submit information to the Oregon Health Authority as deemed  
2 necessary by the authority to enable the authority to meet the re-  
3 porting requirements under sections 8 and 11 of this 2023 Act.

4 “(6) The Oregon Health Authority may adopt any rules necessary  
5 for the implementation and administration of this section.

6 “SECTION 3. The Oregon Health Authority shall distribute the  
7 funds specifically appropriated to the authority under section 6 of this  
8 2023 Act to approved institutions of higher education, and organiza-  
9 tions that administer training programs, at the conclusion of a grant  
10 application period established under section 6 of this 2023 Act, but not  
11 later than July 1, 2024. If unallocated funds remain at the conclusion  
12 of the grant acceptance period, the authority may establish a supple-  
13 mental grant period and distribute the unallocated funds no later than  
14 July 1, 2025.

15 “SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section, ‘institution of higher edu-  
16 cation’ has the meaning given that term in section 2 of this 2023 Act.

17 “(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall, in con-  
18 sultation with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board,  
19 establish a behavioral health workforce development program for the  
20 purpose of promoting workforce development in the field of behavioral  
21 health.

22 “(3) The program shall be administered by local workforce develop-  
23 ment boards. The local workforce development boards shall:

24 “(a) Connect with employers in the field of behavioral health to  
25 identify training and workforce needs and ensure that the business  
26 needs relating to a skilled behavioral health workforce are met.

27 “(b) Collaborate with high schools, employers, institutions of higher  
28 education and other organizations within the field of behavioral health  
29 to:

30 “(A) Develop training opportunities for individuals seeking entry

1 into the field of behavioral health.

2 “(B) Connect individuals with employment opportunities in the field  
3 of behavioral health.

4 “(c) Distribute resources and available funds to entities that col-  
5 laborate with local workforce development boards to promote behav-  
6 ioral health workforce development activities that may include, but  
7 need not limited to:

8 “(A) Providing scholarships or other tuition assistance for students  
9 going into the field of behavioral health.

10 “(B) Developing pathways to employment opportunities in the field  
11 of behavioral health.

12 “(C) Supporting recruitment and outreach efforts to increase the  
13 number of students training for and entering into the behavioral  
14 health workforce.

15 “(D) Providing job training and instruction for behavioral health  
16 occupations.

17 “(4) The commission, in consultation with the State Workforce and  
18 Talent Development Board, shall oversee the progress of the program.

19 “(5) Each local workforce development board shall compile and  
20 submit to the commission:

21 “(a) Data on the progress of the behavioral health workforce de-  
22 velopment activities implemented by a local workforce development  
23 board under this section; and

24 “(b) Any other information as may be deemed necessary by the  
25 commission by rule to enable the commission to meet the reporting  
26 obligations under section 10 of this 2023 Act.

27 “(6) The commission may adopt any rules necessary for the imple-  
28 mentation and administration of this section.

29 “SECTION 5. (1) Not later than 120 days following the effective date  
30 of this 2023 Act, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall

1 distribute the funds specifically appropriated to the commission under  
2 section 7 of this 2023 Act to local workforce development boards to  
3 administer the behavioral health workforce development program es-  
4 tablished under section 4 of this 2023 Act.

5 “(2) The commission shall distribute all moneys made available  
6 under section 7 of this 2023 Act to local workforce development boards  
7 using the same formula as required under the federal Workforce In-  
8 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) for the allocation  
9 of funds to local workforce development boards.

10 “SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
11 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the  
12 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount  
13 of \$5,000,000, for carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2023  
14 Act.

15 “SECTION 7. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-  
16 ation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating  
17 Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the Gen-  
18 eral Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000, for carrying out the provisions of  
19 section 4 of this 2023 Act.

20 “SECTION 8. Not later than September 1 of each year the Oregon  
21 Health Authority shall submit a report, in the manner provided by  
22 ORS 192.245, setting forth in detail the progress and outcomes of the  
23 provisions of section 2 of this 2023 Act, to the interim committees of  
24 the Legislative Assembly related to health.

25 “SECTION 9. Not later than September 1 of each year, the Higher  
26 Education Coordinating Commission shall submit a report, in the  
27 manner provided by ORS 192.245, setting forth in detail the progress  
28 and outcomes of the provisions of section 4 of this 2023 Act, to the  
29 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health.

30 “SECTION 10. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission

1 shall annually submit to the interim committees of the Legislative  
2 Assembly related to health, no later than September 1 of each year,  
3 information related to grants awarded under section 4 of this 2023 Act  
4 and the use of grant funds. The commission shall include with the  
5 submitted information an anonymous and aggregated list of the stu-  
6 dents who received tuition assistance or scholarships funded by the  
7 grant moneys awarded to their institutions of higher education under  
8 section 4 of this 2023 Act, categorized by the students’:

9 “(a) Age;

10 “(b) Ethnicity;

11 “(c) Gender;

12 “(d) Race;

13 “(e) Disability;

14 “(f) Language spoken;

15 “(g) Sexual orientation; and

16 “(h) County of residence.

17 “(2) As used in this section, ‘institution of higher education’ has the  
18 meaning given that term in section 2 of this 2023 Act.

19 **“SECTION 11. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall annually sub-**  
20 **mit to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**  
21 **health, no later than September 1 of each year, information related**  
22 **to grants awarded to institutions of higher education and organiza-**  
23 **tions that administer training programs under section 2 of this 2023**  
24 **Act and the use of grant funds. The authority shall include with the**  
25 **submitted information an anonymous and aggregated list of the stu-**  
26 **dents who received tuition assistance or scholarships funded by the**  
27 **grant moneys awarded to their institutions of higher education and**  
28 **organizations that administer training programs under section 2 of**  
29 **this 2023 Act, categorized by the students’:**

30 “(a) Age;

- 1       **“(b) Ethnicity;**  
2       **“(c) Gender;**  
3       **“(d) Race;**  
4       **“(e) Disability;**  
5       **“(f) Language spoken;**  
6       **“(g) Sexual orientation; and**  
7       **“(h) County of residence.**

8       **“(2) As used in this section, ‘institution of higher education’ and**  
9 **‘training program’ have the meanings given those terms in section 2**  
10 **of this 2023 Act.**

11       **“SECTION 12. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall collect and**  
12 **report geographic data and data described in ORS 413.164 and on the**  
13 **recipients of incentives under ORS 675.655.**

14       **“(2) Any entity that contracts with the Oregon Health Authority to**  
15 **administer incentives under ORS 675.655 shall collect and biannually**  
16 **report to the authority data described in ORS 413.164 on the recipients**  
17 **of the incentives.**

18       **“(3) Each recipient of a grant under ORS 675.658 shall collect and**  
19 **biannually report to the Oregon Health Authority data described in**  
20 **ORS 413.164 on the associates or other individuals receiving clinical**  
21 **supervision from the grantee.**

22       **“(4) The Oregon Health Authority shall prescribe by rule the form**  
23 **and manner for reporting the data collected under this section. The**  
24 **authority shall enter data received under this section into the data**  
25 **system described in ORS 413.163.**

26       **“(5) Data collected and reported under this section may be disclosed**  
27 **only in the aggregate and in a form that does not allow for the per-**  
28 **sonal identification of individuals whose data is disclosed.**

29       **“SECTION 13. In addition to the requirements for data collection**  
30 **and reporting under section 12 of this 2023 Act, the Oregon Health**

1 Authority shall annually submit to the interim committees of the  
2 Legislative Assembly related to health, not later than September 1 of  
3 each year, an anonymous and aggregated list of licensed providers that  
4 received grant moneys under ORS 675.658 and the associates or other  
5 individuals receiving clinical supervision from the grantee, categorized  
6 by:

7 “(1) Age;

8 “(2) Ethnicity;

9 “(3) Gender;

10 “(4) Race;

11 “(5) Disability;

12 “(6) Language spoken;

13 “(7) Sexual orientation;

14 “(8) County of residence; and

15 “(9) County in which the clinical supervision occurred.

16 **“SECTION 14. (1) An oversight council is established to advise the**  
17 **Oregon Health Authority in carrying out ORS 675.650, 675.655 and**  
18 **675.658. The council shall assist the authority in identifying and elim-**  
19 **inating systemic barriers that influence the funding, allocation of**  
20 **funding and policy choices with respect to the behavioral health**  
21 **workforce. The authority shall provide the council with regular, on-**  
22 **going updates on the implementation of ORS 675.650, 675.655 and 675.658**  
23 **and other programs designed to expand access to behavioral health**  
24 **providers in this state, including information about deadlines for pro-**  
25 **gram applicants, outreach plans and strategies to increase partic-**  
26 **ipation in the programs, application processes and the demographics**  
27 **of individuals receiving incentives or benefits.**

28 “(2) The council consists of 19 members appointed as follows:

29 “(a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two  
30 members of the council from among the members of the House of



1 **Representatives.**

2 **“(b) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members of the**  
3 **council from among the members of the Senate.**

4 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

5 **“(A) Two representatives of county governments;**

6 **“(B) One representative of community mental health programs;**

7 **“(C) Two representatives of the federally recognized Indian tribes**  
8 **in this state;**

9 **“(D) Two academic professionals with expertise in equity, behav-**  
10 **ioral health or workforce development;**

11 **“(E) Two representatives of labor unions that represent profes-**  
12 **sionals in the field of behavioral health;**

13 **“(F) Three individuals with practical experience in one or more of**  
14 **the following fields:**

15 **“(i) Treatment for substance use disorder, gambling addiction or**  
16 **other addictive behaviors;**

17 **“(ii) Mental health treatment;**

18 **“(iii) Post-secondary or adult education;**

19 **“(iv) Primary and secondary education; or**

20 **“(v) Child care or early learning; and**

21 **“(G) Three individuals who are one or more of the following:**

22 **“(i) An individual who experiences racism or racial injustice;**

23 **“(ii) A resident of an area that is underserved in access to behav-**  
24 **ioral health treatment or a resident of a rural area of this state;**

25 **“(iii) An advocate for equity or an equity professional;**

26 **“(iv) A bilingual or non-English speaker;**

27 **“(v) An individual with life experience in seeking or receiving**  
28 **mental health care;**

29 **“(vi) An individual with life experience with substance use, problem**  
30 **gambling or addiction;**

1       “(vii) A culturally specific peer support worker or traditional health  
2 worker;

3       “(viii) An individual who has experienced challenges in joining or  
4 advancing in the behavioral health workforce;

5       “(ix) A student who has lived experiences with, or a demonstrated  
6 understanding of, issues facing Black or Indigenous communities or  
7 other communities of color; or

8       “(x) An individual with a disability.

9       “(3) A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a  
10 quorum for the transaction of business.

11       “(4) Official action by the council requires the approval of a ma-  
12 jority of the voting members of the council.

13       “(5) The council shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-  
14 person.

15       “(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority  
16 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

17       “(7) The council shall meet at times and places specified by the call  
18 of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the  
19 council.

20       “(8) The council may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the  
21 council.

22       “(9) The authority shall provide staff support to the council and  
23 shall make and publish recordings of each meeting.

24       “(10) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the council  
25 are nonvoting members of the council and may act in an advisory ca-  
26 pacity only.

27       “(11) Members of the council who are not members of the Legisla-  
28 tive Assembly are entitled to stipends in amounts sufficient to com-  
29 pensate them for their time and for ancillary costs, such as child care,  
30 necessary for them to attend the meetings and to reimbursement for

1 travel and other expenses reasonably incurred by them in carrying out  
2 their official duties as provided in ORS 292.495.

3 “(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,  
4 are directed to assist the council in the performance of the duties of  
5 the council and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
6 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the  
7 council consider necessary to perform their duties.

8 “SECTION 15. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
9 date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative  
10 Assembly adjourns sine die.”

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