

A-Engrossed House Bill 4023

Ordered by the House February 23
Including House Amendments dated February 23

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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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act forbids local governing bodies from limiting in certain ways where some places can be built. The Act applies to places that provide housing and care to people who have mental health needs or who need substance use treatment. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.2).

[Digest: The Act requires the OHA to study the problems in getting mental health care and substance use care in this state. The Act requires the OHA to send a report on its findings to the legislature. The section is repealed on January 2, 2026. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.4).]

[Requires the Oregon Health Authority to study access to behavioral health treatment in this state. Directs the authority to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2025.]

[Sunsets January 2, 2026.]

Prohibits local governments from imposing certain restrictions on the siting of residential treatment facilities in certain areas.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to behavioral health.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2024 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 197A.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) Within an urban growth boundary, a local government shall allow a residential treatment facility, as defined in ORS 443.400, and may not require a zone change or conditional use permit for the property on which the facility is sited if the property:**

6 (a) Is owned by a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109; or

7 (b) Is zoned:

8 (A) For commercial uses;

9 (B) As public lands, not including lands for park land; or

10 (C) For industrial uses, provided that the property is:

11 (i) Publicly owned;

12 (ii) Adjacent to lands zoned for residential uses; and

13 (iii) Not specifically designated for heavy industrial uses.

14 (2) This section does not apply on lands where the local government determines that:

15 (a) The residential facility cannot be adequately served by water, sewer, storm water drainage or streets, or will not be adequately served at the time that development on the property is complete;

16 (b) The property is within a 100-year floodplain; or

17 (c) The development of the property is constrained by land use regulations based on

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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.

1 **statewide land use planning goals relating to:**

2 **(A) Natural disasters and hazards; or**

3 **(B) Natural resources, including air, water, land or natural areas, but not including open**
4 **spaces or historic resources.**

5 **(3) This section does not trigger any requirement that a local government consider or**
6 **update an analysis as required by a statewide land use planning goal relating to economic**
7 **development.**

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