

# A-Engrossed House Bill 2056

Ordered by the House April 9  
Including House Amendments dated April 9

Sponsored by Representative NOSSE; Representative DIEHL (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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

**Digest: The Act helps fund community mental health programs. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).**

*[Digest: The Act tells OHA to study the cost of community mental health programs. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).]*

*[Requires the Oregon Health Authority to study the cost of community mental health programs. Directs the authority to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2026.]*

*[Sunsets on January 2, 2027.]*

**Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for distribution to community mental health programs.**

**Declares an emergency, effective on passage.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to behavioral health; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas community mental health programs provide critical mental health and substance use  
4 disorder services to individuals in their communities; and

5 Whereas community mental health programs are required by statute to provide specific services  
6 to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, individuals charged with a crime and found  
7 unable to aid and assist in their own defense and individuals subject to civil commitment pro-  
8 ceedings; and

9 Whereas the Oregon Health Authority conducted, pursuant to section 1, chapter 80, Oregon  
10 Laws 2024, a cost study to determine the funding required for each community mental health pro-  
11 gram to provide those services; and

12 Whereas the cost study, which was completed with the assistance of an actuary, determined that  
13 there is a gap between the funding that is currently available and the funding that is needed for  
14 community mental health programs to provide the services required by statute; now, therefore,

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

16 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
17 **ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the**  
18 **General Fund, the amount of \$64,800,000, for distribution to community mental health pro-**  
19 **grams for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of ORS 161.315 to 161.351, 161.355 to**  
20 **161.371, 161.385 to 161.395, 161.505 to 161.585, 426.005 to 426.390, 426.510 to 426.680, 426.701,**  
21 **426.702, 430.627, 430.628, 430.629 and 430.630.**

22 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
23 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**

**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 **on its passage.**

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