

# House Bill 2666

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act requires each county to have a place to treat certain people who are in custody waiting for trial. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.0).

Requires each county to have a facility jointly managed by the sheriff and community mental health program director to house and treat individuals with behavioral health disorders or intellectual or developmental disabilities who are in the custody of the county sheriff pending trial.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to pretrial detainees; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Each county must have in operation a facility for the housing and**  
5 **treatment of individuals with behavioral health disorders or intellectual or developmental**  
6 **disabilities who are in the custody of the county sheriff pending trial. Each facility must have**  
7 **the capacity to treat all detainees from the community who are in custody and be staffed**  
8 **by behavioral health professionals from the community mental health program and the**  
9 **sheriff's deputies. The facility shall be managed by the sheriff in partnership with the com-**  
10 **munity mental health program director.**

11 **(2) If a county does not have a community mental health program, the Oregon Health**  
12 **Authority shall provide behavioral health professionals for the facility and partner with the**  
13 **county sheriff in the management of the facility.**

14 **(3) The Oregon Health Authority may adopt rules governing the facilities to protect the**  
15 **health and safety of detainees and staff at the facility.**

16 **SECTION 2. 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_, which shall be distributed to counties for the con-**  
19 **struction and maintenance of facilities described in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

20 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
22 **July 1, 2025.**

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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.