

House Bill 2954

Sponsored by Representative TRAN (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 would give money to the OHA to give to local health entities and tribes to prevent addiction in Oregon. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for distribution to local health departments and federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon to provide addiction prevention services.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to substance abuse prevention; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas addiction is a chronic disease that kills more than 12,000 Oregonians each year; and

4 Whereas addiction takes an emotional toll on people who use drugs or gamble, their families and
5 their loved ones; and

6 Whereas the substance use crisis takes a financial toll on all of us, with an estimated societal
7 and economic cost of \$6 billion per year in Oregon, which is more than 13 times the revenue gen-
8 erated from taxes and markups on alcohol sales in Oregon in the 2022-2023 fiscal year; now, there-
9 fore,

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

11 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
12 **ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the**
13 **General Fund, the amount of \$____, to distribute to local health departments, as defined in**
14 **ORS 431.003, and federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon for the purpose of establishing**
15 **or expanding primary prevention programs for addiction in accordance with ORS 431.144 or**
16 **traditional tribal knowledge.**

17 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
19 **July 1, 2025.**

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