

House Bill 2998

Sponsored by Representative NELSON; Representatives ISADORE, VALDERRAMA (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 tells OHA to adopt rules to require certain mental health providers to screen for racial trauma. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.6).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules to require behavioral health providers that are certified or licensed by the authority to screen for racial trauma during an initial assessment.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to behavioral health screening for racial trauma; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Oregon Health Authority shall adopt rules to require behavioral health**
5 **providers that are certified or licensed by the authority to:**

6 (1) **Include in an initial assessment for behavioral health services a screening to deter-**
7 **mine if an individual has experienced racial trauma; and**

8 (2) **If the individual is determined to have experienced racial trauma, connect the indi-**
9 **vidual with behavioral health services that are culturally specific to the racial trauma expe-**
10 **rienced.**

11 **SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.**

12 (2) **The Oregon Health Authority may take any action before the operative date specified**
13 **in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the authority to exercise, on and**
14 **after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions**
15 **and powers conferred on the authority by section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

16 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
17 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.