Senate Bill 607

Sponsored by Senator CAMPOS (Presession 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 study how to increase the rates at which FQHCs are reimbursed for mental health services. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.3).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to study alternative payment methodologies to improve access to behavioral health care in federally qualified health centers in this state. Requires the authority to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 30, 2026.

Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to behavioral health services provided by federally qualified health centers.

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

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this section, "coordinated care organization" and "medical 5 assistance" have the meanings given those terms in ORS 414.025.

6 (2) The Oregon Health Authority shall study alternative payment methodologies to im-

7 prove access to behavioral health care in federally qualified health centers in this state. In

8 conducting the study, the authority shall identify strategies for increasing reimbursement

9 rates for behavioral health services provided by federally qualified health centers to medical

10 assistance recipients to rates that are no less than the rates paid by coordinated care or-11 ganizations.

12 (3) The authority shall submit a report, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may 13 include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative As-

14 sembly related to health no later than September 30, 2026.

15 <u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

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