

Senate Bill 779

Sponsored by Senator NASH, Representative LEVY B (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 funds the AgriStress Helpline. (Flesch Readability Score: 73.8).

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to support the operation of the AgriStress Helpline in Oregon.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to providing for the mental health needs of the agricultural workforce; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
6 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
7 **2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000, for distribution to the Oregon State**
8 **University Foundation, Rural Mental Health Fund - Endowment for the expenses of the**
9 **Oregon State University Extension Service in operating the AgriStress Helpline in this state.**

10 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
12 **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.