

Senate Bill 884

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

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 directs the OHA to study ways to increase some people's access to mental health care and to set up a grant program for those people to access mental health care. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.6).

Requires the Oregon Health Authority to convene an advisory group to assist in the study of solutions to ensuring access to care for individuals who have been civilly committed or who have complex mental or behavioral health needs. Requires the authority to report findings of the study to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health.

Requires the authority to administer a pilot program to provide grants to hospitals and their community partners to form regional partnerships to increase capacity to provide care for individuals who have been civilly committed or who have complex mental or behavioral health needs.

Declares an emergency, effective on July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to individuals with complex health care needs; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall conduct a study exploring possible**
5 **solutions to ensuring access to care for individuals who are placed in outpatient commitment**
6 **or who are on conditional release under ORS 426.130 and for other individuals who have**
7 **complex mental health or behavioral health needs.**

8 **(2) The authority shall convene an advisory group to consult with the authority on the**
9 **study and to provide recommendations on possible solutions for ensuring access to care.**

10 **(3) No later than September 15, 2026, the authority shall report the findings and recom-**
11 **mendations from the study, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim commit-**
12 **tees of the Legislative Assembly related to health.**

13 **SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall implement a pilot program to provide**
14 **grants to hospitals and their community partners to form regional partnerships to increase**
15 **their capacity to provide care for individuals who are placed in outpatient commitment or**
16 **who are on conditional release under ORS 426.130 or who have complex mental health or**
17 **behavioral health needs.**

18 **(2) The authority may require grantees to collect and report data to assess the success**
19 **of the pilot program in improving access to and the capacity to provide care.**

20 **(3) No later than September 15, 2028, the authority shall report, in the manner provided**
21 **in ORS 192.245, the authority's evaluation of the results of the pilot program and may re-**
22 **commend legislation to implement aspects of the program that were a success.**

23 **SECTION 3. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

24 **(2) Section 2 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.**

25 **SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026. The Oregon**

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.

1 Health Authority shall take all steps prior to January 1, 2026, that are necessary to carry
2 out section 2 of this 2025 Act on and after January 1, 2026.

3 **SECTION 5.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
4 ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the
5 General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for carrying out section 2 of
6 this 2025 Act.

7 **SECTION 6.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
8 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
9 July 1, 2025.

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