

# Senate Bill 1539

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## 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**.

Establishes Oregon Psychiatric Access Line program in Oregon Health and Science University. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to telephone access by primary care providers to psychiatric physician consultations; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

4 Whereas Oregon has historically ranked low in the nation for access to mental health services;  
5 and

6 Whereas Oregon has poor mental health outcomes compared to other states; and

7 Whereas primary care providers are the main workforce providing mental health services to  
8 Oregonians; now, therefore,

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

10 **SECTION 1. (1) There is established the Oregon Psychiatric Access Line program in the**  
11 **Oregon Health and Science University.**

12 **(2) The Oregon Psychiatric Access Line program shall provide telephone or electronic**  
13 **real-time psychiatric physician consultations to primary care providers:**

14 **(a) Who care for patients with mental health disorders.**

15 **(b) From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all business days.**

16 **SECTION 2. All unexpended moneys appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for the**  
17 **biennium ending June 30, 2019, for the operation of a psychiatric access line for primary care**  
18 **providers caring for children and adolescents are transferred to the Oregon Department of**  
19 **Administrative Services for the benefit of the Oregon Health and Science University in car-**  
20 **rying out section 1 of this 2018 Act.**

21 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
22 **ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the benefit of the Oregon**  
23 **Health and Science University, for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, out of the General**  
24 **Fund, the amount of \$900,000, which may be expended for providing access to the Oregon**  
25 **Psychiatric Access Line for primary care providers caring for individuals 19 years of age or**  
26 **older.**

27 **SECTION 4. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
28 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect**  
29 **on its passage.**

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