

Senate Bill 848

Sponsored by Senator BATES

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**.

Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to maintain registry of community health centers. Provides that community health center shall be placed on registry if community health center provides certification to department that states that at least 25 percent of patients served by center in immediately preceding calendar year were uninsured.

Requires that state agency in possession of building that is not used by agency, or in possession of medical equipment or facilities that are not used by agency, must notify department before disposing of building, equipment or facilities. Allows community health center on registry to lease unused building, equipment or facilities for up to five years, with lease payment of one dollar per year.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to community health centers.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) For the purposes of this section, "community health center" means a**
5 **nonprofit medical clinic that provides primary physical health, vision, dental or mental**
6 **health services to low-income patients without charge or using a sliding fee scale based on**
7 **the income of the patient.**

8 **(2) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall maintain a registry of com-**
9 **munity health centers in this state. A community health center shall be placed on the reg-**
10 **istry by the department if the community health center provides a certification to the**
11 **department that states that at least 25 percent of the patients served by the center in the**
12 **immediately preceding calendar year were uninsured.**

13 **(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a state agency in possession of a building**
14 **that is not used by the agency, or in possession of medical equipment or facilities that are**
15 **not used by the agency, must notify the department before disposing of the building, equip-**
16 **ment or facilities. Upon receiving notice from a state agency under this subsection, the de-**
17 **partment shall mail a notice to all community health centers in the registry that identifies**
18 **the building, equipment or facilities.**

19 **(4) A community health center that is interested in acquiring the building, equipment or**
20 **facilities identified in a notice under subsection (3) of this section must respond to the notice**
21 **within 30 days after the notice is mailed. If more than one community health center applies**
22 **to acquire the building, equipment or facilities, the department shall choose one applicant**
23 **by lot.**

24 **(5) A building or medical equipment or facilities identified in a notice under subsection**
25 **(3) of this section shall be leased to a community health center for one dollar per year. The**
26 **lease may not be for a term of more than five years, and must provide that the leasing**
27 **agency may revoke the lease on the date of each anniversary of the execution of the lease.**
28 **A community health center entering into a lease under this section must certify that at least**

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 **25 percent of the patients served by the center in the immediately preceding calendar year**
2 **were uninsured, and must immediately notify the department and the leasing agency if in**
3 **any calendar year during the term of the lease less than 25 percent of the patients served**
4 **by the center were uninsured.**

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