

HB 2348

Relating to regional health authorities

House Bill 2348 establishes the 15-member Task Force on the Future of Public Health charged with studying the regionalization and consolidation of public health services, and the future of public health services in Oregon in order to make recommendations for legislation to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of delivering public health services.

The Oregon public health system is comprised of state, federal and local agencies, private organizations, and other partners working together to protect and promote the health of Oregonians. A strong and coordinated public health system is necessary to achieve better health outcomes at lower costs and to continue the transformation of health care delivery. HB 2348 brings together cross-jurisdictional experts to advance Oregon's public health system. The bill is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact. The Oregon Health Authority will use existing staff and resources to support the work of the task force.

The Subcommittee recommends HB 2348 be reported out "do pass".

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Greenlick
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services to study regionalization and consolidation of public health services and develop recommendations. Requires task force report to interim committee no later than October 1, 2014. Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provide staff support and state agencies to assist in performance of duties. Establishes sunset date of convening of 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact
- Need for task force

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon public health system is comprised of state, federal and local agencies, private organizations and other partners working together to protect and promote the health of Oregonians. The Oregon Health Authority asserts that a strong public health system is necessary to achieve better health outcomes at lower costs and to continue the transformation of health care delivery.

House Bill 2348-A creates a task force to study the future of public health in Oregon. The task force is directed to develop recommendations for legislation to continue providing public health services efficiently and effectively and to submit a final report before the 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly.