

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office**Measure: HB 2304 - A*****Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Kim To  
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Date: 5/12/2017**Measure Description:**

Adds peer support specialist, family support specialist and youth support specialist to membership of Traditional Health Workers Commission.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2017-19 Biennium</b>	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>
Personal Services	30,695	65,352
Services and Supplies	15,085	17,606
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$45,780</b>	<b>\$82,958</b>
Personal Services	3,364	7,163
Services and Supplies	1,654	1,931
<b>Total Other Funds</b>	<b>\$5,018</b>	<b>\$9,094</b>
Personal Services	7,988	17,010
Services and Supplies	3,888	4,532
<b>Total Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$11,876</b>	<b>\$21,542</b>
Personal Services	42,047	89,525
Services and Supplies	20,627	24,069
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$62,674</b>	<b>\$113,594</b>
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.38	0.50

**Analysis:**

House Bill 2304 adds a peer support specialist, a family support specialist, and a youth support specialist to the membership of the Traditional Health Workers Commission. The bill modifies the definition of “peer support specialist” and “peer wellness specialist,” and adds definitions for “family support specialist” and “youth support specialist.” The bill requires coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to ensure that members have access to peer support specialists. The bill authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt qualification criteria for traditional health workers utilized by coordinated care organizations.

In addition, the bill adds a certified advocate to the list of traditional health worker. This addition will increase the certification workload for the Office of Equity and Inclusion. To assist existing staff in creating the certification guidelines, approving the training program, processing applications, certifying advocates, and managing the updating of the registry, OHA anticipates establishing one half-time Program Analyst position. OHA estimates the personal services and related services and supplies costs for this position to be \$62,674 Total Funds, 0.38 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium.

This bill requires budgetary action for allocation of General Fund resources and position establishment.