

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3261

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

July 1

- 1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, delete “315.613,”.
2 In line 3, delete “442.570,”.
3 In line 4, after the first semicolon, delete the rest of the line and insert “and”.
4 Delete lines 7 through 24 and delete pages 2 and 3.
5 On page 4, delete lines 1 through 14 and insert:
6 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Policy Board, in consultation with the Oregon Health**
7 **and Science University and the Office of Rural Health, shall conduct an assessment of the**
8 **health care workforce needs in this state, including but not limited to the health care**
9 **workforce needed to address:**
10 **“(a) The continuing expansion in commercial and publicly funded health care coverage;**
11 **“(b) Health disparities among medically underserved populations; and**
12 **“(c) The need for health care providers in rural communities.**
13 **“(2) The board shall report to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 1 in each**
14 **odd-numbered year on the health care workforce needs in this state and proposals for ad-**
15 **dresssing those needs with programs funded by the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund es-**
16 **tablished under ORS 676.450.**
17 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘financial incentive programs’ includes but is**
18 **not limited to the:**
19 **“(a) Rural health care provider tax credit available under ORS 315.613;**
20 **“(b) Rural medical practitioners insurance subsidy program under ORS 676.550;**
21 **“(c) Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative created by ORS 348.303;**
22 **“(d) Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program created by ORS 442.574; and**
23 **“(e) Incentives provided by the health care provider incentive program created by ORS**
24 **676.460.**
25 **“(2) In order to evaluate the effectiveness of state financial incentive programs in re-**
26 **cruting health care providers to practice in rural and medically underserved areas and re-**
27 **taining health care providers in rural and medically underserved areas, the Oregon Health**
28 **Policy Board shall collect information about financial incentive program participants, which**
29 **may include:**
30 **“(a) The month and year of entry into the program;**
31 **“(b) The locations of service and duration of service in each location;**
32 **“(c) The main services provided, discipline, specialty and hours of direct patient care;**
33 **“(d) The percentage of services provided through telemedicine; and**
34 **“(e) Other demographic information that the board and the Office of Rural Health de-**
35 **termine to be useful in the evaluation.**

1 “(3) To collect the data described in subsection (2) of this section, the board shall use
2 unique provider identifiers and link the identifiers to the provider data reported under ORS
3 442.466.

4 “(4) The board shall compile and analyze the data collected under this section and report
5 its findings and analysis to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to
6 health every two years.

7 “**SECTION 3.** (1) On the basis of the assessment and the evaluation conducted under
8 sections 1 and 2 of this 2017 Act, the Oregon Health Policy Board shall determine the best
9 allocation of moneys in the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund established under ORS
10 676.450 toward providing:

11 “(a) Incentives through the health care provider incentive program created by ORS
12 676.460.

13 “(b) Loans or grants to support communities’ plans for addressing the unmet health care
14 workforce needs in each community, including but not limited to:

15 “(A) Funding start-up costs for new health care professional training programs that:

16 “(i) Are designed to expand the racial and ethnic diversity of Oregon’s health care
17 workforce;

18 “(ii) Are designed to expand the health care workforce in medically underserved areas;

19 “(iii) Provide financial incentives to faculty members in health care professional training
20 programs and clinical preceptors;

21 “(iv) Ensure that individuals enrolled in the programs are adequately compensated; and

22 “(v) Include technical assistance; and

23 “(B) Supplementing Medicare funding paid to hospitals for graduate medical education.

24 “(2) With respect to the loans and grants provided under subsection (1)(b) of this section,
25 the board shall:

26 “(a) Prescribe the process and procedures for communities to apply for loans or grants
27 and for the board to award loans and grants.

28 “(b) Establish criteria to ensure that the moneys support community plans that:

29 “(A) Include a substantial financial investment by the community, as determined by the
30 board, and may include financial or in-kind support;

31 “(B) Are designed to improve the access to health care by medical assistance recipients
32 and Medicare enrollees to the same extent that each plan improves access to health care by
33 the general population of the community; and

34 “(C) Are sustainable over the long term.

35 “(c) Conduct outreach to communities to solicit ideas and applications for new training
36 programs and other incentive programs.

37 “(d) Collaborate with community colleges and public universities in this state.

38 “(3) The board shall enter into an agreement with the Oregon Health and Science Uni-
39 versity to administer this section under the board’s direction.

40 “**SECTION 4.** For the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, moneys in the Health Care Pro-
41 vider Incentive Fund established under ORS 676.450 shall be allocated as follows:

42 “(1) \$4 million for the rural medical practitioners insurance subsidy program under ORS
43 676.550.

44 “(2) \$4 million to be transferred to the Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund
45 established under ORS 413.127.

1 **“(3) \$2.5 million for the Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative created by ORS 348.303**
2 **and \$1 million for other scholarships.**

3 **“(4) \$500,000 to the Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program created by ORS**
4 **442.574.**

5 **“(5) Up to \$1 million for other financial incentives offered by the health care provider**
6 **incentive program created by ORS 676.460.**

7 **“(6) Up to \$1 million for the administrative expenses associated with the allocated mon-**
8 **eys in the fund.**

9 **“(7) Up to \$4 million for purposes described in section 3 (1)(b) of this 2017 Act.**

10 **“(8) Additional moneys remaining in the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund after the**
11 **distributions described in subsections (1) to (7) of this section and unexpended balances, as**
12 **of January 1, 2019, of the allocations made under subsections (1) to (7) of this section shall**
13 **be distributed as directed by the Oregon Health Policy Board.”.**

14 In line 15, delete “3” and insert “5”.

15 In line 16, restore the bracketed material and delete the boldfaced material.

16 In line 19, restore the bracketed material and delete the boldfaced material.

17 Delete lines 27 through 33 and insert:

18 “(C) Medical malpractice insurance premium subsidies;

19 “(D) Scholarships for students in health professional training programs at the Oregon Health
20 and Science University;

21 “(E) Scholarships for students at institutions of higher education based in this state who are
22 enrolled in health professional training programs leading to a doctor of osteopathic medicine or
23 doctor of dentistry or a license as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant or certified registered
24 nurse anesthetist, if:

25 “(i) The scholarship funds are distributed equitably among schools offering the training pro-
26 grams, based on the percentage of Oregon students attending those schools; and

27 “(ii) The maximum scholarship for each student does not exceed the highest resident tuition rate
28 at the publicly funded health professional training programs in this state; and

29 “(F) Paying the moving expenses of providers not located in rural or medically underserved
30 areas who commit to relocate to such areas;”.

31 On page 5, delete line 1.

32 In line 2, delete “(ii)” and insert “(B)”.

33 In line 7, delete “board” and insert “authority”.

34 In line 10, restore “authority” and delete “board”.

35 After line 11, insert:

36 “(5) The authority shall decide no later than September 1 of each academic year the distribution
37 of funds for scholarships that will be provided in the next academic year.”.

38 In line 12, delete “(5)” and insert “(6)” and delete “board” and insert “authority”.

39 In line 15, delete “4” and insert “6”.

40 In line 39, delete “5” and insert “7”.

41 On page 7, line 26, delete “6” and insert “8”.

42 On page 8, line 7, delete “7” and insert “9”.

43 On page 9, line 25, delete “8” and insert “10”.

44 On page 10, line 43, delete “9” and insert “11”.

45 On page 11, line 4, delete “10” and insert “12”.

1 Delete lines 10 through 22.

2 In line 23, delete “12” and insert “13”.

3 In line 26, after the period insert “The fund consists of moneys appropriated to the fund by the
4 Legislative Assembly and gifts, grants or other moneys contributed to the fund by any source,
5 whether public or private.”.

6 In line 27, restore the bracketed material and delete the boldfaced material and before the pe-
7 riod insert “and section 3 of this 2017 Act”.

8 In line 28, delete the first “13” and insert “14”.

9 In line 41, restore the bracketed material and delete the boldfaced material.

10 In line 44, restore “Authority” and delete “Policy Board”.

11 On page 12, line 2, delete “14” and insert “15”.

12 In line 5, delete “15” and insert “16”.

13 Delete lines 9 through 45 and delete page 13 and insert:

14 “**SECTION 17.** Section 2 of this 2017 Act is amended to read:

15 “**Sec. 2.** (1) As used in this section, ‘financial incentive programs’ includes but is not limited to
16 the:

17 “(a) Rural health care provider tax credit available under ORS 315.613;
18 “[*(b) Rural medical practitioners insurance subsidy program under ORS 676.550;*]
19 “[*(c) (b) Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative created by ORS 348.303; and*
20 “[*(d) Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program created by ORS 442.574; and*]
21 “[*(e) (c) Incentives provided by the health care provider incentive program created by ORS*
22 *676.460.*

23 “(2) In order to evaluate the effectiveness of state financial incentive programs in recruiting
24 health care providers to practice in rural and medically underserved areas and retaining health care
25 providers in rural and medically underserved areas, the Oregon Health Policy Board shall collect
26 information about financial incentive program participants, which may include:

27 “(a) The month and year of entry into the program;
28 “(b) The locations of service and duration of service in each location;
29 “(c) The main services provided, discipline, specialty and hours of direct patient care;
30 “(d) The percentage of services provided through telemedicine; and
31 “(e) Other demographic information that the board and the Office of Rural Health determine to
32 be useful in the evaluation.

33 “(3) To collect the data described in subsection (2) of this section, the board shall use unique
34 provider identifiers and link the identifiers to the provider data reported under ORS 442.466.

35 “(4) The board shall compile and analyze the data collected under this section and report its
36 findings and analysis to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health every
37 two years.

38 “**SECTION 18.** (1) **The report described in section 1 (2) of this 2017 Act is first due no**
39 **later than February 1, 2018, and each odd-numbered year thereafter.**

40 “**(2) The report described in section 2 (4) of this 2017 Act is first due no later than Sep-**
41 **tember 15, 2018.**

42 “**SECTION 19.** **The amendments to section 2 of this 2017 Act by section 17 of this 2017**
43 **Act become operative on January 2, 2018.**

44 “**SECTION 20.** **This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017**
45 **regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

