

Requested by Representative NATHANSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3261**

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  
4 “and”.

5 Delete lines 7 through 24 and delete pages 2 and 3.

6 On page 4, delete lines 1 through 14 and insert:

7 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Policy Board, in consultation**  
8 **with the Oregon Health and Science University and the Office of Rural**  
9 **Health, shall conduct an assessment of the health care workforce**  
10 **needs in this state, including but not limited to the health care**  
11 **workforce needed to address:**

12 **“(a) The continuing expansion in commercial and publicly funded**  
13 **health care coverage;**

14 **“(b) Health disparities among medically underserved populations;**  
15 **and**

16 **“(c) The need for health care providers in rural communities.**

17 **“(2) The board shall report to the Legislative Assembly no later**  
18 **than February 1 in each odd-numbered year on the health care**  
19 **workforce needs in this state and proposals for addressing those needs**  
20 **with programs funded by the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund**  
21 **established under ORS 676.450.**

1       **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘financial incentive pro-**  
2 **grams’ includes but is not limited to the:**

3       **“(a) Rural health care provider tax credit available under ORS**  
4 **315.613;**

5       **“(b) Rural medical practitioners insurance subsidy program under**  
6 **ORS 676.550;**

7       **“(c) Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative created by ORS**  
8 **348.303;**

9       **“(d) Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program created by**  
10 **ORS 442.574; and**

11       **“(e) Incentives provided by the health care provider incentive pro-**  
12 **gram created by ORS 676.460.**

13       **“(2) In order to evaluate the effectiveness of state financial incen-**  
14 **tive programs in recruiting health care providers to practice in rural**  
15 **and medically underserved areas and retaining health care providers**  
16 **in rural and medically underserved areas, the Oregon Health Policy**  
17 **Board shall collect information about financial incentive program**  
18 **participants, which may include:**

19       **“(a) The month and year of entry into the program;**

20       **“(b) The locations of service and duration of service in each lo-**  
21 **cation;**

22       **“(c) The main services provided, discipline, specialty and hours of**  
23 **direct patient care;**

24       **“(d) The percentage of services provided through telemedicine; and**

25       **“(e) Other demographic information that the board and the Office**  
26 **of Rural Health determine to be useful in the evaluation.**

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

30       **“(4) The board shall compile and analyze the data collected under**

1 this section and report its findings and analysis to the interim com-  
2 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to health every two years.

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

8 **“(a) Incentives through the health care provider incentive program**  
9 **created by ORS 676.460.**

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

13 **“(A) Funding start-up costs for new health care professional train-**  
14 **ing programs that:**

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

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

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

21 **“(iv) Ensure that individuals enrolled in the programs are ade-**  
22 **quately compensated; and**

23 **“(v) Include technical assistance; and**

24 **“(B) Supplementing Medicare funding paid to hospitals for graduate**  
25 **medical education.**

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

28 **“(a) Prescribe the process and procedures for communities to apply**  
29 **for loans or grants and for the board to award loans and grants.**

30 **“(b) Establish criteria to ensure that the moneys support commu-**

1 nity plans that:

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

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

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

10 “(c) Conduct outreach to communities to solicit ideas and applica-  
11 tions for new training programs and other incentive programs.

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

14 “(3) The board shall enter into an agreement with the Oregon  
15 Health and Science University to administer this section under the  
16 board’s direction.

17 **“SECTION 4. For the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, moneys in**  
18 **the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund established under ORS 676.450**  
19 **shall be allocated as follows:**

20 “(1) \$4 million for the rural medical practitioners insurance subsidy  
21 program under ORS 676.550.

22 “(2) \$4 million to be transferred to the Primary Care Provider Loan  
23 Repayment Fund established under ORS 413.127.

24 “(3) \$2.5 million for the Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative  
25 created by ORS 348.303 and \$1 million for other scholarships.

26 “(4) \$500,000 to the Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program  
27 created by ORS 442.574.

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

30 “(6) Up to \$1 million for the administrative expenses associated with

1 **the allocated moneys in the fund.**

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

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

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

10 In line 16, restore the bracketed material and delete the boldfaced mate-  
11 rial.

12 In line 19, restore the bracketed material and delete the boldfaced mate-  
13 rial.

14 Delete lines 27 through 33 and insert:

15 “(C) Medical malpractice insurance premium subsidies;

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

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

23 “(i) The scholarship funds are distributed equitably among schools offer-  
24 ing the training programs, based on the percentage of Oregon students at-  
25 tending those schools; and

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

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

1 On page 5, delete line 1.  
2 In line 2, delete “(ii)” and insert “(B)”.  
3 In line 7, delete “board” and insert “authority”.  
4 In line 10, restore “authority” and delete “board”.  
5 After line 11, insert:  
6 “(5) The authority shall decide no later than September 1 of each aca-  
7 demic year the distribution of funds for scholarships that will be provided  
8 in the next academic year.”.  
9 In line 12, delete “(5)” and insert “(6)” and delete “board” and insert  
10 “authority”.  
11 In line 15, delete “4” and insert “6”.  
12 In line 39, delete “5” and insert “7”.  
13 On page 7, line 26, delete “6” and insert “8”.  
14 On page 8, line 7, delete “7” and insert “9”.  
15 On page 9, line 25, delete “8” and insert “10”.  
16 On page 10, line 43, delete “9” and insert “11”.  
17 On page 11, line 4, delete “10” and insert “12”.  
18 Delete lines 10 through 22.  
19 In line 23, delete “12” and insert “13”.  
20 In line 26, after the period insert “The fund consists of moneys appropri-  
21 ated to the fund by the Legislative Assembly and gifts, grants or other  
22 moneys contributed to the fund by any source, whether public or private.”.  
23 In line 27, restore the bracketed material and delete the boldfaced mate-  
24 rial and before the period insert “and section 3 of this 2017 Act”.  
25 In line 28, delete the first “13” and insert “14”.  
26 In line 41, restore the bracketed material and delete the boldfaced mate-  
27 rial.  
28 In line 44, restore “Authority” and delete “Policy Board”.  
29 On page 12, line 2, delete “14” and insert “15”.  
30 In line 5, delete “15” and insert “16”.

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

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

3 **“Sec. 2.** (1) As used in this section, ‘financial incentive programs’ in-  
4 cludes but is not limited to the:

5 “(a) Rural health care provider tax credit available under ORS 315.613;

6 “[*(b) Rural medical practitioners insurance subsidy program under ORS*  
7 *676.550;*]

8 “[*(c) (b) Scholars for a Healthy Oregon Initiative created by ORS 348.303;*

9 **and**

10 “[*(d) Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program created by ORS*  
11 *442.574; and*]

12 “[*(e) (c) Incentives provided by the health care provider incentive pro-*  
13 *gram created by ORS 676.460.*

14 “(2) In order to evaluate the effectiveness of state financial incentive  
15 programs in recruiting health care providers to practice in rural and med-  
16 ically underserved areas and retaining health care providers in rural and  
17 medically underserved areas, the Oregon Health Policy Board shall collect  
18 information about financial incentive program participants, which may in-  
19 clude:

20 “(a) The month and year of entry into the program;

21 “(b) The locations of service and duration of service in each location;

22 “(c) The main services provided, discipline, specialty and hours of direct  
23 patient care;

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26 ral Health determine to be useful in the evaluation.

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

30 “(4) The board shall compile and analyze the data collected under this

1 section and report its findings and analysis to the interim committees of the  
2 Legislative Assembly related to health every two years.

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

6 **“(2) The report described in section 2 (4) of this 2017 Act is first due**  
7 **no later than September 15, 2018.**

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

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

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