

## HB 2040 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Health Care

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/24

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies membership of the Traditional Health Workers Commission.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Adds the following representation as members to the Commission: family support specialist, youth support specialist, and a tribal organization that works with traditional health workers and who are certified by the state of Oregon. Removes references to the Oregon Medical Association and labor organization.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

According to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), the Traditional Health Worker Commission (Commission) promotes the role, engagement and utilization of the traditional health workforce, which includes community health workers, peer wellness specialists, personal health navigators, peer support specialists, and doulas. Established in 2013, the Commission advises and makes recommendations to OHA on the program; and seeks to be responsive to consumer and community health needs. Nineteen members are appointed by the Director of OHA to serve on the Commission. Ten of these members must be Traditional Health Workers, at least six of whom must be appointed from nominees provided by the Oregon Community Health Workers Association. Nine members represent various medical organizations and other state entities.

House Bill 2040 expands membership of the Traditional Health Worker Commission.