

HB 2986 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines key terms: authentic community engagement, community-led, cross-sector, and health equity. Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish formal partnerships with regional health equity coalitions (RHECs). Requires coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to form a partnership with a RHEC to address health disparities and promote health equity; specifies partnership criteria for OHA, CCOs, and RHECs. Specifies requirements by which OHA and CCOs are to award grants to RHECs and defines conditions a RHEC must meet to be eligible for grant funding. Appropriates \$380,000 out of the General Fund. Declares emergency, takes effect July 1, 2019.

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:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) currently funds six regional health equity coalitions (RHECs) that serve 11 counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. OHA reports that RHECs are regional, community-driven organizations that work to address local health disparities, which initially received funding in 2011. The coalitions work in their communities to address issues related to health care, education, housing, employment, and transportation, among others. Overtime, the coalitions work to increase community engagement, develop organizational capacity, and support policies that address health equity issues, both at the local and state level for vulnerable and marginalized populations.

House Bill 2986 establishes formal partnerships between OHA, CCOs, and regional health equity coalitions.