

**HB 2040 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Mitchell

**House Committee On Health Care**

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**Action Date:** 02/12/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 11-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 11 - Alonso Leon, Boles, Drazan, Greenlick, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Mitchell, Noble, Nosse, Prusak, Salinas

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/24, 2/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies membership of the Traditional Health Workers Commission from 19 to 21 members; adds tribal representation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Composition of the commission

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Defines youth support specialist. Removes reference to the Oregon Medical Association.

**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-A modifies and expands membership of the Traditional Health Workers Commission from 19 to 21 members.