

HB 2986 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/09/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(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: 3/26, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines terms: base funding, community-led, cross-sector, health equity, infrastructure support, and meaningful community engagement. Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to partner with regional health equity coalitions (RHECs), when practicable. Specifies activities to be supported by RHECs. Directs OHA and CCOs to fund RHECs. Directs CCOs that do have a RHEC in their region to seek out local culturally specific community-based organizations or provide funding opportunities to create new coalitions. Specifies funding eligibility requirements for RHECs. Directs OHA to establish formal partnerships with RHECs to address health equity for communities of color and other marginalized groups. Directs OHA to develop requirements for partnerships in rule. Establishes a RHEC fidelity committee to oversee the coalitions; specifies duties of committee. Specifies that additional appropriations may not be used for staffing and program costs for the Office of Equity and Inclusion associated with staffing the fidelity committee. Declares emergency, takes effect July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Partnerships between coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and regional health equity coalitions (RHECs)
- Funding and support for RHECs to address social determinants of health
- Relationship between CCOs, RHECs, and alignment among community health improvement plans

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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. Over time, 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-A establishes formal partnerships between OHA, CCOs, and RHECs.