

HB 2040 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Linthicum

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/22/19

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Fagan, Knopp, Linthicum, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 1 - Beyer

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/15, 4/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds four members to Traditional Health Workers Commission (THW Commission), including members representing family support specialists, youth support specialists, and providers of Indian health services, a federally recognized tribe, or a tribal organization. Clarifies that a majority of the traditional health worker appointees be from nominees selected by the Oregon Community Health Workers Association. Removes requirement that the nurse representative be a community health nurse.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Perspectives brought to THW Commission
- Role of THW Commission

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Increases additional membership to THW Commission from two to four members and clarifies that a majority of the traditional health worker appointees be from nominees selected by the Oregon Community Health Workers Association. Removes requirement that nurse representative be a community health nurse.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3407 (2013) established the Traditional Health Workers Commission (THW Commission) within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The THW Commission promotes the traditional health workforce in Oregon's Health Care Delivery System to achieve Oregon's Triple Aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. The THW Commission advises and makes recommendations to OHA to ensure that OHA programs are responsive to consumer and community health needs while delivering high-quality and culturally competent care.

House Bill 2040-B adds four members to the THW Commission and specifies member representation requirements.