

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2337

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Measure Description:

Requires state agencies and third party contractors that collect demographic data on behalf of state agencies to comply with rules adopted by Oregon Health Authority for collection of data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages and disability status.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Statewide, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO), Legislative Equity Office (LEO), Counties

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Health Care to the House Committee on Rules.

The measure appropriates unspecified amounts of General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO), the Legislative Equity Office (LEO), and:

- Requires state agencies and third-party contractors that collect demographic data on behalf of state agencies to comply with rules adopted by OHA for collection of data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages and disability status.
- Directs OHA to fund mobile health units to provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services in every region of state based on recommendations of work groups convened by local health authorities. The measure specifies services to be provided by mobile health units and requires mobile health units to collect and report to OHA specified data that OHA then reports to Legislative Assembly.
- Requires OHA, based on recommendations from task forces convened by OACO, to establish and fund culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs designed to prevent or intervene in health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes for individuals who are Black or indigenous and people of color.
- Requires OACO to report recommendations to Legislative Assembly.
- Requires OHA to audit coordinated care organizations, providers of health care to medical assistance recipients and licensed health care facilities to ensure compliance with language access requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Further Analysis Required

- Requires LEO to conduct racial health equity impact analysis on all legislation passing in originating chamber and report findings to committees of Legislative Assembly related to health. Requires LEO to employ Equity Coordinator to coordinate language access and physical access for individuals with disabilities to enable participation in legislative process. Requires the Equity Coordinator to conduct community outreach to promote more diverse participation in legislative process. Requires biennial report to Legislative Assembly of activities of Equity Coordinator.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact statewide, including on the OHA, OACO, LEO, and Counties.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in House Committee on Rules.

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