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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 7, 2021

Subject: HB 2088 – Relating to tribal health practices
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2088 increases the Traditional Health Workers Commission within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) from 23 to 24 members by requiring it to include at least one tribal traditional health worker. The measure also creates a new category of traditional health worker for tribal traditional health workers and defines the qualification criteria one must meet to be considered a “tribal traditional health worker.”

The fiscal impact totals \$385,623 (\$121,106 General Fund) and supports one permanent Program Analyst 3 position in OHA’s Office of Equity and Inclusion (OEI) to support the qualification criteria and education and training requirements for traditional health worker services used by coordinated care organizations. The cost further supports updates to OEI’s statewide workforce registry, the review of a new training program, technical assistance, stakeholder consultation, and community engagement for the new traditional health worker category.

The measure is related to Policy Option Package 404 in OHA’s 2021-23 budget request. Should the bill pass, the funding necessary to support the changes will be included in HB 5024, which is the agency’s primary 2021-23 budget bill.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Health Care Committee on 3/2/21 and 3/16/21 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2088 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____