

HB 2359 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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**Oregon Health Authority
2021-23**

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Budget Summary*

	2019-21	2021 - 23	2021-23	Committee Change from 2019-21	
	Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾	Current Service Level	Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2019-21 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 670,664	\$ 670,664	100.0%
Other Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,812	\$ 66,812	100.0%
Federal Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,194	\$ 118,194	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 855,670	\$ 855,670	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	2	2
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	1.50	1.50

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2021

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

Funding to support the activities of House Bill 2359 are split according to the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) cost allocation model for the Central Services Division at approximately 80% General Fund, 7% Other Funds, and 13% Federal Funds.

Summary of Human Services Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2359 requires health care providers to work with health care interpreters (HCI) from the HCI registry administered by OHA to ensure patients are served in languages other than English. OHA must adopt rules to ensure coordinated care organizations and other health care providers work with a certified or qualified HCI when interpretation is needed for patients covered under the state's medical assistance programs, and reimbursement for these services occurs. The measure requires a study on the best model for an online platform for patients and health care providers to contract with health care interpreters and how to finance the platform, no later than July 1, 2022. OHA must provide affordable (or no cost) health care interpreter training and continuing education in accordance with standards adopted by the Oregon Council on Health Care Interpreters. OHA must maintain a record of all health care interpreters who have completed an approved training program, and establish and maintain a registry for all qualified or certified health care interpreters with a process for interpreters to update their information each biennium.

The Subcommittee recommended \$670,664 General Fund, \$66,812 Other Funds expenditure limitation, \$118,194 Federal Funds expenditure limitation and the establishment of two permanent, full-time positions (1.50 FTE) in OHA's Office of Equity and Inclusion to carry out the

provisions of the bill. This includes one Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position and one Administrative Specialist 2 position for programmatic and operational support. Included with the positions is \$68,365 total funds in position-related services and supplies. Also included is \$200,952 total funds for information technology work related to the study of online platforms. This work will be undertaken by OHA's Office of Information Services (OIS) but direct charged to the Central Services Division budget; OHA may return in a rebalance with a net-zero request for position authority to manage the work at OIS. Finally, the bill adds an additional \$308,000 total funds in services and supplies, including \$108,000 total funds for the trainings required under the bill, \$150,000 total funds on a one-time basis for a consultant with expertise in online platforms to assist with the study required by the bill, and \$50,000 total funds for community outreach and engagement.

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DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u>									
Oregon Health Authority									
SCR 443-010-040 Central Services									
Personal Services	\$ 222,683	\$ -	\$ 19,484	\$ -	\$ 36,186	\$ -	278,353	2	1.50
Services and Supplies	\$ 447,981	\$ -	\$ 47,328	\$ -	\$ 82,008	\$ -	577,317		
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 670,664	\$ -	\$ 66,812	\$ -	\$ 118,194	\$ -	855,670	2	1.50
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 670,664	\$ -	\$ 66,812	\$ -	\$ 118,194	\$ -	855,670	\$ 2	1.50

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