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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 16, 2021

Subject: HB 3159 – Relating to data collection
Work Session Recommendations

HB 3159 requires coordinated care organizations, health care providers or a health care provider's designee, or health insurers, to collect data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity from the organization's patients, clients, or members. These organizations must provide this data to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) annually. OHA may provide incentives to entities impacted by this measure to assist with the costs of making changes to electronic health records systems, to ensure this data is collected.

OHA is directed to establish a system to collect the data required by this measure. OHA is to report to the appropriate committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than June 1, 2022, and then every two years, on implementation of this program. OHA is to develop and administer a grant program to provide funding to support data collection by community health organizations and community-based groups.

OHA anticipates total costs of \$9.8 million General Fund, \$5.6 million Other Funds, and \$2.8 million Federal Funds. A majority of the costs are related to 43 new positions (32.25 FTE in 2021-23). These positions will ensure that data collection, storage, and reporting requirements are met; work with health care providers and insurers on data collection; develop communications and training for stakeholders and staff; perform compliance monitoring; and support IT components related to this measure, among other work. The - A7 amendment provides the funding necessary to implement this measure.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the - A7 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 3159, as amended by the - A7 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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