

**HB 2949 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 <sup>(1)</sup>	Current Service Level	Committee Recommendation	Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
Other Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 80,000,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 80,000,000	100.0%

**Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	14	14
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	14.00	14.00

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through January 2021

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

HB 2949 provides a total of \$80 million Other Funds expenditure limitation to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for two new behavioral health programs established by the measure. This expenditure limitation is supported by one-time revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds received by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and transferred to OHA. Of the total, \$60 million shall be deposited into the newly established Behavioral Health Incentive Subaccount, within the Health Care Provider Incentive Fund. Funds within this subaccount, are continuously appropriated to OHA to carry out provisions of the measure, until fully expended. An additional \$20 million Other Funds expenditure limitation is provided to OHA for a new grant program incentivizing clinical experience and licensure in behavioral health fields.

**Summary of Human Services Subcommittee Action**

HB 2949 establishes incentive programs to increase the capacity and diversity of Oregon’s behavioral health workforce. The measure provides OHA with \$60 million Other Funds expenditure limitation, to provide incentives intended to increase the recruitment and retention of providers in the behavioral health care workforce. This includes providers with specified degrees or other credentials who are people of color, tribal members, or residents of rural areas who can provide culturally responsive behavioral health services. Additionally, \$20 million Other Funds expenditure limitation is provided to OHA, to establish a grant program providing specified behavioral health professionals awards to provide supervised clinical experience to individuals who have the necessary education but need supervised clinical experience to obtain a license. OHA is directed to distribute \$7 million to county mental health programs, \$7 million to private practitioners, and \$6 million as necessary to carry out the purposes of the bill including administrative and operational costs. OHA estimates the operational costs to be

\$3,314,025, supporting 14 permanent positions (14.00 FTE), including personal services and associated services and supplies. Permanent positions are recommended, as establishing and fully executing the programs is likely a multi-biennia endeavor.

The Subcommittee recommended \$80 million Other Funds expenditure limitation and 14 permanent positions (14.00 FTE) to support and staff the two new programs as follows:

Behavioral Health (BH) Provider Incentive Program:

- One Principal Executive Manager E position (1.00 FTE) to serve as the BH Incentive Program Manager to provide additional management oversight and support for the Primary Care Office.
- One Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position (1.00 FTE) to serve as the Equity Coordinator to liaison with OEI, Tribal Affairs, and other groups to ensure programs are operating with an equity lens and supporting evolving best practices within this work.
- Two Operations and Policy Analyst 3 positions (2.00 FTE) to serve as Workforce Pipeline Specialists to work with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Workforce Boards, the Oregon Education Department (OED), K-12, Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), and training schools to develop a robust pipeline from the K-12 system into training programs for a diverse student and young adult population.
- One Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (1.00 FTE) to serve as the Student Support Coordinator to work with training programs and students to help ensure student success and completion of training.
- One Operations & Policy Analyst 3 position (1.00 FTE) to serve as the Clinical Practice Environment Coordinator to expand the number and ensure the quality of sites where clinicians of color are practicing is a supportive environment for the clinicians doing their best work.
- One Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (1.00 FTE) to serve as the BH BIPOC Grant Program Coordinator to oversee mini-grants and incentives to support clinicians of color, and from tribal communities to be retained in areas with larger, more diverse populations.
- One Research Analyst 3 position (1.00 FTE) to serve as Data Support to provide analytic support, evaluation and consultation to the Clinical Supports Integrations, and Workforce (CSIW) Unit on the impact of the totality of effort, including mapping and reporting of data.
- Three Administrative Specialist 2 positions (3.00 FTE) to support the work defined above, including but not limited to assisting with contracts, support meetings and other administrative tasks that will support the new BH Subaccount.

Program to ensure clinical supervisory experiences for behavioral health professionals:

- One Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (1.00 FTE) to serve as the Student Support Coordinator to work with public and private schools, training programs, and practice sites (including hospitals) to locate and provide incentives for adequate clinical supervision and oversee grant efforts to county programs and private providers.

In addition, these two programs will share an Administrative Specialist 2 position (1.00 FTE) to support the work defined above, and one Procurement and Contract Specialist 3 position (1.00 FTE) to manage the grants and contracts involving various entities.

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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>									
<b>SCR 443-030-02 Health Policy and Analytics</b>									
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,730,205	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,730,205	14	14.00
Services and Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 583,820	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 583,820		
Special payments: 6085 - Other Special Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,685,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,685,975		
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 80,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 80,000,000</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14.00</b>
<b>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 80,000,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 80,000,000</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14.00</b>

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