

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 70 - A

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Measure Description:

Defines "regional health equity coalition" and "regional health equity coalition model." Requires Oregon Health Authority to work with regional health equity coalitions and groups utilizing regional health equity coalition model throughout state.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

SB 70 - A directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to work with regional health equity coalitions and groups using a regional health equity coalition model to ensure service to priority populations throughout the state. It also requires OHA to ensure it has adequate staffing to support grantees through ongoing technical assistance, contract administration, program planning and daily operational support. Regional health equity coalitions are defined as autonomous, community-led, cross-sector groups that are focused on addressing health inequities experienced by priority populations, with a particular focus on communities of color.

This measure includes a blank General Fund appropriation with permissive language allowing OHA to use the General Fund for:

- Restoring funding to grants provided to existing regional health equity coalitions;
- Providing grants to four organizations seeking to build capacity to become regional health equity coalitions, and;
- Providing sufficient staff support to regional health equity coalitions in the form of ongoing technical assistance, contract administration, program planning, and daily operational support.

The impact of this bill will depend on the amount of funding appropriated in the measure for the permissive uses stated above. Policy Option Package 402 (Strategic/Structural Health Equity Innovation and Implementation) in OHA's 2021-23 requested budget is linked to the elements defined in the measure. Based on this Policy Option Package, OHA anticipates total costs of \$2,026,985 in 2021-23 and \$2,054,729 in 2023-25, though costs for 2023-25 do not include inflation. Funding is split at 80% General Fund, 7% Other Funds, and 13% Federal Funds as per the agency-wide cost allocation methodology. The estimated biennial expenses include:

- \$336,000 to increase funding for existing regional health equity coalitions from \$122,000 to \$150,000 per year;
- \$1.2 million to fund four new regional health equity coalitions at a cost of \$150,000 per year;
- \$478,485 to add two new permanent, full-time staff to support the regional health equity coalitions: one Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (1.00 FTE in 2021-23 and 2023-25) and one Program Analyst 3 (0.88 FTE in 2021-23 and 1.00 FTE in 2023-25);
- \$12,500 to fund the spring regional health equity coalition gathering.

This measure warrants subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact.