

HB 4052 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 02/14/22

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Campos, Dexter, Hayden, Moore-Green, Noble, Prusak, Salinas, Schouten, Weber

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to administer pilot program to provide grants to operate two culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to serve priority populations. Defines "priority populations" and "communities of color." Requires OHA to convene advisory committee to provide guidance on pilot program. Requires OHA to study feasibility of expanding mobile health units throughout the state and specifies study components. Requires OHA to provide interim report to Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2025 and final report by June 30, 2026. Requires Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) to convene affinity group task forces to develop recommendations for specific allocation of resources to address needs and health inequities faced by Black and indigenous communities, people of color, and members of Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes. Requires OACO to report recommendations to Legislative Assembly by November 1, 2023. Requires OHA to develop recommendations on how to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs designed to prevent or intervene in health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes for those communities. Requires OHA to report to Legislative Assembly on development of recommendations by November 1, 2023 and final recommendations by November 1, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Social determinants of health and impact of health disparities
- Role and value of mobile health units
- Importance of community voice
- Types of services to be provided by mobile health units

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies definition of "priority populations" and defines "communities of color." Clarifies role of required advisory committee and membership. Clarifies pilot program grantee requirements. Clarifies reporting requirements regarding recommendations on how to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs. Removes appropriation of General Fund moneys to OHA.

BACKGROUND:

Mobile health clinics are a way of delivering health care directly into communities and leveraging existing community assets to address health disparities in vulnerable populations and individuals with chronic diseases. These clinics can help underserved communities overcome common barriers to accessing health care, including time, geography, and trust. By making health care more accessible than in traditional settings, mobile health clinics can improve health outcomes in the communities they serve. There are currently over 700 mobile health clinics in the United States registered with Mobile Health Map, a collaborative research network of community-based mobile health clinics.

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House Bill 4052 A requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to administer a pilot program to establish culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to serve priority populations and requires OHA and the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office to report to the Legislative Assembly on recommendations for funding programs to address health inequities experienced by Black and indigenous communities, people of color, and members of tribes.