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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority, guided by advisory committee to be convened by authority, to provide grants to operate two culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units, as pilot program, to improve health outcomes of Oregonians impacted by racism.

Analysis: The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to administer a pilot program to provide grants to operate two culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to serve priority populations, requires OHA to convene an advisory committee to provide guidance on establishing, funding, and operating the pilot program, and to study the feasibility of expanding mobile health units throughout the state. OHA must submit an interim report to the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31, 2025 and a final report no later June 30, 2026 on the implementation of the pilot program, the findings of the study, and recommendations for implementing a statewide mobile health unit pilot program. The pilot program is repealed on January 2, 2027.

The measure also directs the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) to convene affinity group task forces to develop recommendations for specific allocation of resources to address needs of the priority populations. Based on the research and recommendations of the affinity group task forces, OHA is required to develop recommendations on how to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs, across all relevant state agencies, designed to prevent or intervene in the health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes for individuals who are Black or indigenous, people of color and members of tribes. OACO must report these recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by November 1, 2023.

The measure, with the -A2 amendment, appropriates \$2,000,000 General Fund and increases Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$344,663 to support the requirements of the bill. This includes \$1,595,073 General Fund and \$344,663 in federal Medicaid match for OHA to fund the grants and support administrative expenses in the 2021-23 biennium. The amount dedicated for grants is \$1,275,000 General Fund. OHA’s administrative expenses total \$320,073 General Fund and \$344,663 Federal Funds to support three limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 positions (1.89 FTE) for grant management requirements and the work of the advisory committee. Given the January 2, 2027 sunset date of the pilot program, the grants and positions are assumed to continue through the 2023-25 biennium.

OACO anticipates needing three limited duration positions (1.89 FTE), which include two full-time Public Affairs Specialist 1 (PAS 1) positions to manage, schedule, coordinate, and convene two affinity groups each; and one Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to conduct research and supervise the PAS 1 staff. The cost of these positions in 2021-23 totals \$404,927 General Fund, which is funded in the -A2 amendment. Each PAS 1 will be responsible for two affinity groups meeting bi-monthly. The affinity group task forces are to make recommendations on whether their work should continue beyond June 30, 2023. If recommended, the task forces would continue up until this portion of the measure is repealed, on January 2, 2025, and the three OACO positions are assumed to continue to that time. Assuming the task forces continue until January 2, 2025, each new position would be 0.63 FTE in the 2021-23 biennium and 0.75 FTE in the 2023-25 biennium.