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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Tom MacDonald, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 21, 2022

Subject: HB 4052 – Relating to equity
Work Session Recommendations

HB 4052 requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to administer a pilot program to provide grants to operate two culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to improve health outcomes for Oregonians impacted by racism. OHA must convene an advisory committee to guide decisions on the grant program and study the feasibility of expanding mobile health units statewide. The pilot program sunsets on January 2, 2027.

The measure also directs the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) to convene affinity group task forces to develop recommendations for allocating resources to address the needs of priority populations, as defined in the bill. Based on recommendations from the task forces, OHA is required to recommend ways to fund culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs to address the health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes. OACO and OHA must report their recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.

The recommended -A2 amendment appropriates \$2 million General Fund and increases Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$344,663 to fund the grants for mobile health units and support both agencies' administrative expenses. This includes \$1.275 million General Fund in OHA for the grants, as well as \$320,073 General Fund and related Medicaid match for three limited duration positions (1.89 FTE) and contractual expenses. The appropriation for OACO totals \$404,927 for three limited duration positions.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Health Care Committee on 2/2/22 and 2/14/22 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A2 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4052, as amended by the -A2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____