

HB 2743 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/7, 3/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority for Oregon Medical Coordination Center (OMCC). Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

FISCAL: Fiscal impacted issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Development of OMCC
- Impact of federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) on critical access hospitals
- Relationship of OMCC with the Oregon Capacity System
- Long-term funding strategies

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Initiated by Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in 2021, the Oregon Medical Coordination Center (OMCC) is a collaboration among six regional hospitals that coordinate the statewide transfer of patients who have high critical care needs. As hospitals have faced surges of patients with critical needs due to COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, the OMCC has provided real time coordination to help ensure critically ill patients receive care. In September 2022, the Emergency Board allocated \$750,000 to the OMCC for hiring of staff to track bed availability and coordinate patient transfers around the state.

House Bill 2743 would appropriate moneys from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for the Oregon Medical Coordination Center.