

HB 2743 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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 illness, 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.