

B-Engrossed House Bill 2925

Ordered by the House June 9
Including House Amendments dated March 17 and June 9

Sponsored by Representative NELSON; Representatives BYNUM, CHAICHI, HOLVEY, WALTERS, Senators CAMPOS, FREDERICK, GELSER BLOUIN, JAMA, MANNING JR, PATTERSON, WOODS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Extends deadlines for affinity group task forces to complete their work with respect to allocations of resources to address communities' needs and health inequities faced by communities and to report recommendations to Legislative Assembly.

Extends deadlines for Oregon Health Authority to develop recommendations for linguistically specific intervention programs and to report recommendations to Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to health equity; creating new provisions; amending sections 2 and 6, chapter 48, Oregon
3 Laws 2022; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 48, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office, in collaboration with culturally specific
7 community-based organizations, shall convene affinity group task forces consisting of leaders of
8 Black and indigenous communities[,] **and** people of color [*and members of the nine federally recog-*
9 *nized tribes in Oregon*]. The task forces shall discuss and research the specific needs of the com-
10 munities they represent and develop recommendations for specific allocations of resources to
11 address the communities' needs and health inequities faced by the communities. [*The task forces*
12 *shall also make recommendations on whether their work should continue beyond June 30, 2023.*]

13 **(b) No later than November 1, 2023, the office shall report to the Legislative Assembly,**
14 **in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on the development of the recommendations by the**
15 **affinity group task forces, under paragraph (a) of this subsection, for specific allocations of**
16 **resources to address community needs and health inequities faced by the communities.**

17 **(c) No later than June 30, 2026, the office shall report to the Legislative Assembly, in the**
18 **manner provided in ORS 192.245, the affinity group task forces' final recommendations under**
19 **paragraph (a) of this subsection, which may include recommendations for legislation.**

20 (2)(a) Based on the research and recommendations of the affinity group task forces **and in**
21 **consultation with the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon**, the Oregon Health Authority
22 shall develop recommendations on how to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific inter-
23 vention programs, across all relevant state agencies, designed to prevent or intervene in the health
24 conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes for individuals who are Black or
25 indigenous, people of color and members of tribes **in Oregon**. The interventions must focus on as-

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1 pects of the social determinants of health including housing, access to food, neighborhood safety,
2 education, transportation and involvement with the criminal justice system.

3 [(3) *The office shall report the recommendations of the task forces to the Legislative Assembly, in*
4 *the manner provided in ORS 192.245, no later than November 1, 2023.*]

5 [(4) (b) No later than [November 30, 2023] **June 30, 2024**, the authority shall report to the
6 Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on the development of the recom-
7 mendations on how to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs, as
8 required by [subsection (2) of this section] **paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

9 [(5) (c) No later than [November 1, 2024] **September 15, 2026**, the authority shall report to the
10 Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, the authority's final recommendations
11 under [subsection (2) of this section] **paragraph (a) of this subsection, including recommendations**
12 **for legislation.**

13 **SECTION 2.** Section 6, chapter 48, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 6.** (1) Section 1, **chapter 48, Oregon Laws 2022**, [of this 2022 Act] is repealed on January
15 2, 2027.

16 (2) Section 2, **chapter 48, Oregon Laws 2022**, as amended by section 1 of this 2023 Act, [of
17 this 2022 Act] is repealed on January 2, [2025] **2027.**

18 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation
19 made to the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office by section 1, chapter 59, Oregon Laws
20 2023, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, is increased by \$690,290 for carrying out the
21 amendments to sections 2 and 6, chapter 48, Oregon Laws 2022, by sections 1 and 2 of this
22 **2023 Act.**

23 **SECTION 4.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
25 on its passage.