

I OPPOSE [SB 584]...OHA: Universal Health Care for Illegal Aliens?

"Section 2: The Oregon Health Authority shall assemble a design team for the purpose of developing and establishing the website described in ORS 414.726 (3), consisting of: (1) The following project sponsors:..."

Section 2 is a conglomerate of "political appointees" chosen by OHA, who undoubtedly will spend an enormous amount of time arguing amongst themselves how the program will be designed.

"**Section 5:** ...(1) The Oregon Health Authority shall administer a two-year program to provide to health care interpreters who are qualified or certified under ORS 413.558, or health care interpreters for indigenous languages, financial assistance to improve the compensation paid for health care interpretation services..."

...(2) The authority shall appoint an advisory committee, consisting of two representatives from the Oregon Worker Relief Fund and two representatives of organized labor, to provide... recommendations on the application for financial assistance and the application process for financial assistance described in subsection (1) of this section.

...(3) The authority shall contract with the **Oregon Worker Relief Fund** to act as a fiscal intermediary and dispense funds through the program to health care interpreters. The program shall, through two annual disbursements, provide financial assistance to up to 400 health care interpreters, for providing 10 appointments per month for 12 months at \$30 per appointment. "

The amount initially allocated for Section 5 shows up in Section 10. The amount allocated from the GENERAL FUND for Section 5 work is [\$3,398,4000]. This is a "unique amount." How about itemizing the costs for services before you rape and pillage my tax dollars from my control.

"**SECTION 6.** ..No later than January 1, 2026, the Oregon Health Authority shall develop and implement a system to track all expenditures from state and federal funds that are spent in this state on providing interpretation services..."

The amount allocated from the GENERAL FUND is [**\$1,500,000**], which may be expended for carrying out **section 6** of this 2023 Act.

"**Section 7:** "(1) As used in this section, "health care interpreter," "health care provider" and "interpretation service company" have the meanings given those terms in ORS 413.550. (2) A patient or a health care interpreter may bring a civil action in the circuit court of the county where the patient or health care interpreter resides for actual damages incurred by the patient or health care interpreter due to the failure of a health care provider to comply with ORS 413.559 or by the failure of an interpretation service company to comply with ORS 413.563. (3) In an action brought under this section the court may award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the plaintiff..."

*The cause of action could be filed in Federal District Court.

*There is "No" discussion as to "Malpractice Insurance for Interpreters."

Initial GENERAL FUND allocation for the OHA project is [\$4,898,400]. Anyone care to place a friendly "Wager" [SB 584**] will cost much more and or be ineffective?

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Mr. Oregon Concurr..."Oregon Relief Fund" or is it, "Universal Health Care for Illegal Aliens Fund?"

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