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Bill Title: Relating to health care; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Board of Nursing, Oregon Health Authority, Counties, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 4,750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,750,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 4,750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,750,000	-	-

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Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

- There may be additional costs for the Oregon Health Authority to complete an assessment of urgent and immediate health care services in the state, due to uncertainty about the scope of this assessment.

Measure Description

This measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to enter into an agreement with Lane County Public Health (LCPH) to administer moneys appropriated under this measure as distributions to the City of Eugene for establishment and maintenance of a basic life support unit; and to fund a health care access innovation fund to improve access and decrease costs for same-day health care in the greater Eugene area. LCPH may withhold a reasonable amount from the funds provided for administrative costs, as agreed to with OHA. The measure appropriates \$4.5 million to OHA for this purpose.

OHA is directed to review access to urgent and immediate health care services in the state, focusing on options that decrease the unnecessary use of emergency department resources. OHA is also to consider reimbursement and payment for urgent and immediate health care services provided to patients.

Fiscal Analysis

Oregon Health Authority

OHA would distribute the \$4.5 million General Fund to LCPH for use as directed by this measure. Administrative costs for OHA to enter into an agreement with LCPH and process this payment are anticipated to be minimal.

OHA would contract for the report on access to urgent and immediate health care services in the state. Based on previous contracts, the estimated cost to complete this work will be at least \$250,000. The measure does not specifically define the “urgent and immediate health care services” that OHA is directed to review. Based on the type and number of services ultimately included in the report, contracting for the assessment could cost up to \$500,000, based on other contracts executed by OHA. Should actual costs increase to this level, OHA will need

to return to a future Emergency Board or during a future budget rebalance to request additional funding for this study.

Other entities

There is no fiscal impact for counties or OSBN.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

Sections 4 and 5, the portions of the measure related to LCPH, are repealed on January 2, 2026.

LCPH is to submit a report to OHA and the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care on use of funds by December 31, 2024. LCPH and OHA are to submit a second report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care on use of funds and achievement of objectives by December 31, 2025.

OHA is to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care on the review of access to health care services by September 15, 2024.