

Requested by Senator MANNING JR

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 1578**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, before the period insert “; and pre-  
2 scribing an effective date”.

3 Delete lines 6 through 25 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and section 3 of this 2024  
5 Act:**

6 **“(a) ‘Interpreter management system’ means an online portal that  
7 meets the requirements under subsection (3) of this section.**

8 **“(b) ‘Nonprofit entity’ means an organization that:**

9 **“(A) Is registered in this state;**

10 **“(B) Is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
11 Revenue Code; and**

12 **“(C) Works with certified and qualified health care interpreters and  
13 individuals from immigrant, refugee, low-income and rural communi-  
14 ties and representatives of urban and rural regional councils of gov-  
15 ernment.**

16 **“(2)(a) For purposes of improving access to certified and qualified  
17 health care interpreters, the Oregon Health Authority shall establish  
18 and maintain an interpreter management system that has the  
19 functionality to meet the requirements described under subsection (3)  
20 of this section.**

21 **“(b) If a software program is available for purchase that is appro-**

1 puate for the interpreter management system, the authority may  
2 contract with the vendor of the software program in lieu of creating  
3 a new software program.

4 “(3) The interpreter management system shall have the capability  
5 to:

6 “(a) Provide an online scheduling mechanism that health care pro-  
7 viders, including coordinated care organizations, may use to directly  
8 schedule appointments with certified and qualified health care inter-  
9 preters; and

10 “(b) Process billing and payments for health care interpreter ser-  
11 vices scheduled through the interpreter management system.

12 **“SECTION 3. (1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall enter into a**  
13 **contract with a nonprofit entity to develop and administer a health**  
14 **care interpreter recruitment and retention program. The purpose of**  
15 **the program is to recruit individuals to become trained as qualified**  
16 **and certified health care interpreters and to promote retention of**  
17 **certified health care interpreters within the health care interpreter**  
18 **profession.**

19 “(b) The nonprofit entity contracting with the authority must meet,  
20 at a minimum, the following requirements and standards:

21 “(A) The ability to directly contact qualified and certified health  
22 care interpreters to fill empty appointment slots and last-minute can-  
23 cellations by scheduling appointments through the interpreter man-  
24 agement system described under section 2 of this 2024 Act, or  
25 otherwise.

26 “(B) Providing information, in consultation with the Oregon Health  
27 Authority, to health care interpreters regarding the health care in-  
28 terpreter qualification and certification standards established by the  
29 authority.

30 “(C) Informing health care interpreters of training and professional

1 development opportunities, made available through the nonprofit en-  
2 tity or otherwise, that are in accordance with standards adopted by the  
3 Oregon Health Authority under ORS 413.558.

4 “(2) A nonprofit entity that contracts and consults with the Oregon  
5 Health Authority under subsection (1) of this section shall report an-  
6 nually to the authority on the:

7 “(a) Amount of moneys received from the authority that were ap-  
8 plied toward providing training and recruitment of health care inter-  
9 preters, if any;

10 “(b) Health care interpreter training provided by the nonprofit en-  
11 tity, if any;

12 “(c) Outreach and recruitment efforts directed toward certified and  
13 qualified health care interpreters that the nonprofit entity has pro-  
14 vided or plans to provide; and

15 “(d) The fill rates of appointments scheduled through the inter-  
16 preter management system described under section 2 of this 2024 Act.

17 **“SECTION 4.** Not later than January 1, 2025, the Oregon Health  
18 Authority shall take all steps necessary to secure federal financial  
19 participation in the costs of directly reimbursing health care inter-  
20 preters for health care interpretation services provided to medical as-  
21 sistance recipients.

22 **“SECTION 5.** This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
23 date on which the 2024 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative  
24 Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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