

HB 4075 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure permits the State Treasurer to use up to 20% of the Unclaimed Property and Estates Fund to issue rural hospital stabilization loans to qualifying hospitals. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Detailed Summary:

- Sets eligibility criteria for rural hospital stabilization loan recipients.
- Defines required application criteria and permissible loan fund uses.
- Directs payments of principal, interest, fees, and penalties of the loan program to the Unclaimed Property and Estates Fund.

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:

-1 The amendment directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to reimburse the Bay Area Hospital at no less than 130% of the reimbursement rate for services prior to the effective date of the measure, with a sunset date of July 1, 2027. It applies to contracts between OHA and CCOs entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the measure.

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-2 The amendment replaces the measure and directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to reimburse the Bay Area Hospital at no less than 130% of the reimbursement rate for services prior to the effective date of the measure, with a sunset date of July 1, 2027. It applies to contracts between OHA and CCOs entered into, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date of the measure.

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BACKGROUND:

The [Unclaimed Property and Estates Fund](#), established in [Oregon Revised Statute \(ORS\) 98.389](#), consists of unclaimed assets, such as uncashed checks, forgotten bank accounts, security deposits, tax refunds, credit balances, investment accounts, and other funds. Oregon State Treasury holds unclaimed property in the [Common School Fund](#) until it's claimed by its owners, and the funds are invested to earn interest that is then distributed to schools across the state. There are [37](#) rural and remote hospitals in Oregon. Rural hospitals are classified based their number of beds, their proximity from another acute inpatient care facility, and their status as a referral center.

House Bill 4075 permits up to 20% of the Unclaimed Property and Estates Fund to be used to issue stabilization loans to qualifying rural hospitals in Oregon.