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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority to establish parity in funding formula for school-based health centers.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$900,000	\$900,000
Total Funds	\$900,000	\$900,000
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 336 appropriates \$900,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority's 2015-17 budget for the agency to establish parity in the funding formula for School Based Health Centers (SBHC). The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effective on passage.

The Oregon Health Authority reports that currently certified School Based Health Centers in Oregon are funded at two levels: (1) Counties with one SBHC receive \$60,000 per center, per year; (2) and counties with more than one center receive \$53,000 per center, per year. For the 2015-17 biennium, 68 certified School Based Health Centers are funded at the \$53,000 level. If the definition of parity is modifying the funding formula so that the funding amount per health center stays at \$60,000 per center, per year for counties no matter the number of centers in each county, the actual cost of achieving parity for these 68 certified School Based Health Centers is \$952,000 for the 2015-2017 biennium.

As written, the bill does not mandate parity as assumed in this fiscal, and does not fund 100% of the financial impact of this assumed definition of parity. Therefore if this bill passes, the SBHC State Program Office would need to determine how to distribute the \$900,000 appropriated by the bill.

This bill needs budgetary action in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for the appropriation of General Fund.