



## **SB 1507 corrects the Rural Health Tax Credit** **Without it, 718 providers at a cost of \$2.1M would be added to the credit**

HB 2171, passed in the 2015 session, changed the distance calculation for Rural Health Tax Credit eligibility. Previously, for some provider types to be eligible, one had to be 10 miles **“as the crow flies”** from a community of 40,000 or more. HB 2171 changed that to 10 **highway miles**. HB 2171 Section 19 (2) says:

“The amount of credit shall be based on the distance, in highway miles, from a major population center in a metropolitan statistical area at which the taxpayer maintains a practice or hospital membership...”

SB 1507 simply deletes the phrase “in highway miles” (Section 1 (2), line 10).

If SB 1507 does not become law, the Office of Rural Health GIS mapping found that health care providers in these 11 communities would be eligible for a \$3,000 credit:

Burlington	Clackamas
Crabtree	Eagle Point
Gladstone	Independence
Jennings Lodge	Oregon City
Sunnyside	Tallman
Wilsonville	

Based on this and the licensure data available to the Office of Rural Health, these providers will be added, mostly in Oregon City and Clackamas:

Doctors: 596  
NPs: 68  
PAs: 43  
CRNAs: 11

Total: 718

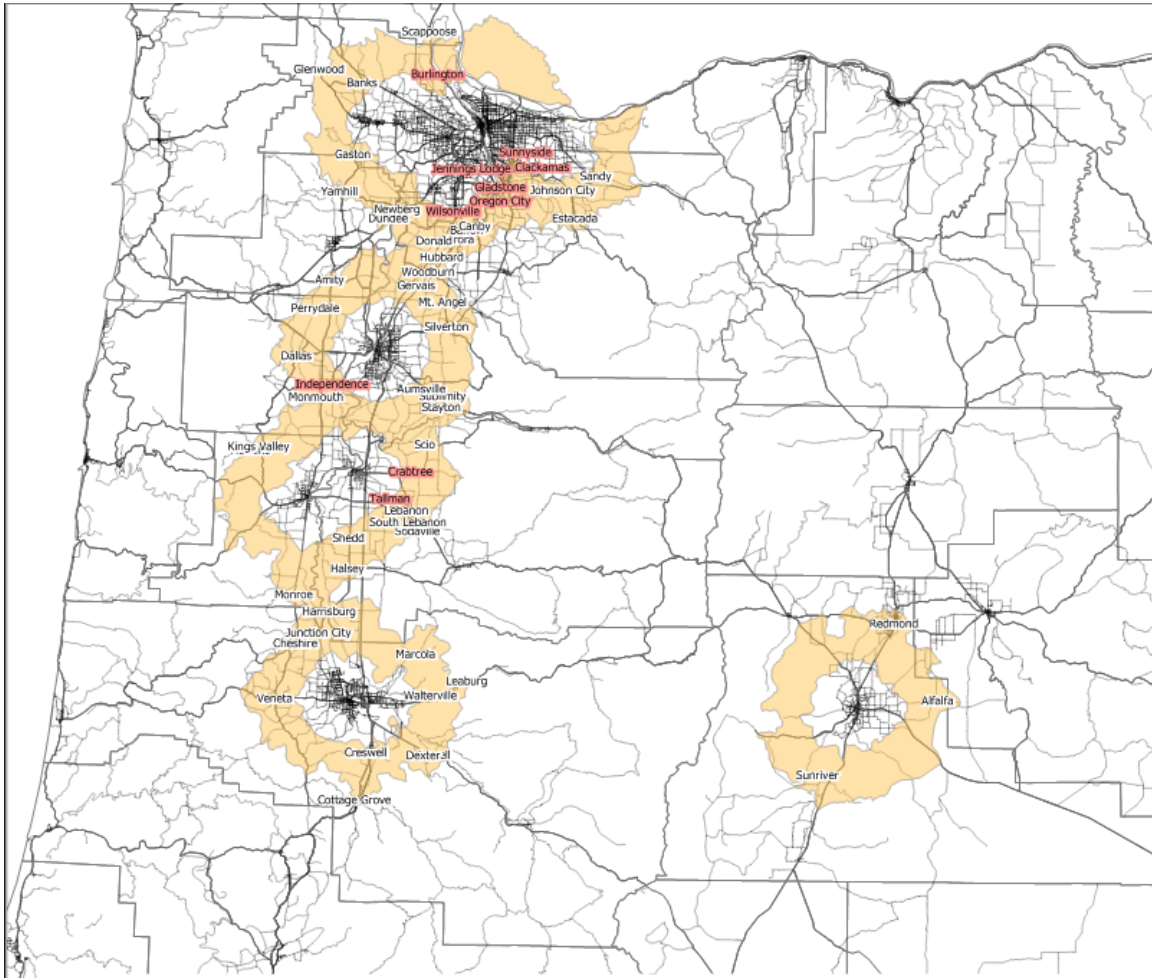
**All 718 previously ineligible providers would receive a \$3,000 tax credit at a total cost of \$2.154 million.** This all but eliminates the \$2.6M cut from the Rural Health Tax Credit by reducing the credit to \$3,000 or \$4,000 for providers who live 10-20 miles and 20-50 miles from a major population center.

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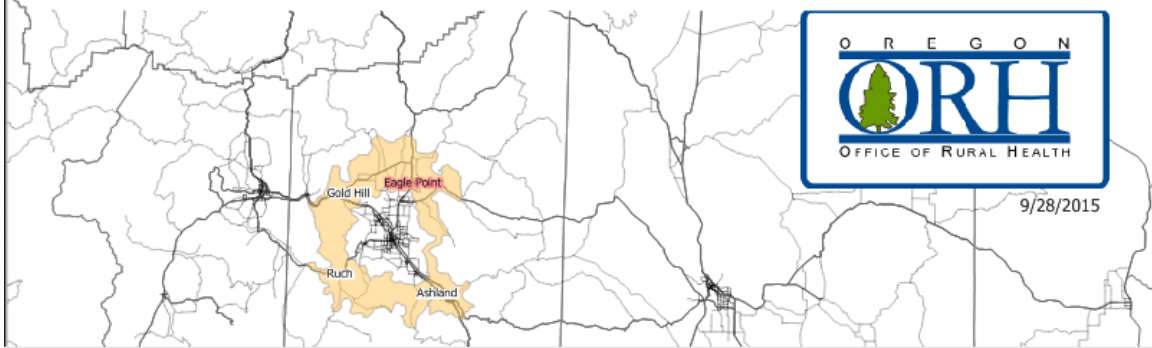
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**TOWNS WITHIN 10 TO 20 MILES DRIVING DISTANCE  
FROM AN OREGON CITY OF 40,000 OR MORE**

Cities in RED were not eligible in previous criteria



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