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SUMMARY

Establishes Health Care Professional Training Fund. Requires Oregon Health Policy Board to establish criteria for disbursing moneys in fund as grants or loans to communities that submit plans for addressing health care professional workforce needs in communities and for expanding health care workforce in Oregon.

Imposes assessment on health insurers, Public Employees' Benefit Board, Oregon Educators Benefit Board and coordinated care organizations to provide funding for program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the health care workforce; and providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The Health Care Professional Training Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. The Health Care Professional Training Fund consists of moneys paid into the fund in accordance with sections 3, 5, 7 and 9 of this 2017 Act. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Policy Board and dedicated to supporting community efforts to expand the health care professional workforce available to the community's residents, which may include but is not limited to:

(a) Funding the start up costs for new health care professional training programs;

(b) Ensuring that individuals enrolled in health care professional training programs are adequately compensated;

(c) Making investments in health care professional training pro-

grams designed to expand the racial and ethnic diversity of Oregon's health care workforce;

(d) Expanding the health care workforce in medically underserved areas;

(e) Supplementing Medicare funding paid to hospitals for graduate medical education; and

(f) Providing financial incentives to faculty members in health care professional training programs and clinical preceptors.

(2) Interest earned by the Health Care Professional Training Fund shall be credited to the fund.

(3) Moneys in the Health Care Professional Training Fund at the end of a biennium are retained in the fund and do not revert to the General Fund.

SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Policy Board shall, no less than every 12 months, assess the health care workforce needs in this state, including the health care workforce needed to address:

(a) The continuing expansion in commercial and publicly funded health care coverage;

(b) Health disparities among medically underserved populations; and

(c) The need for health care professionals in rural communities.

(2) On the basis of the assessment, the board shall disburse moneys from the Health Care Professional Training Fund established in section 1 of this 2017 Act to provide loans or grants to support communities' plans for addressing the unmet health care professional workforce needs in each community. The board shall establish criteria to ensure that the moneys support community plans that:

(a) Include a substantial financial investment by the community;

(b) Take into account the workforce assessment conducted under subsection (1) of this section;

(c) Are designed to improve the access to health care by medical

1 assistance recipients and Medicare enrollees to the same extent that
2 each plan improves access to health care by the general population of
3 the community; and

4 (d) Are sustainable over the long term.

5 (3) The criteria adopted by the board under subsection (2) of this
6 section shall give preference to plans that expand the workforce of
7 mental health providers and oral health care providers in areas that
8 are eligible for the rural tax credit in ORS 315.613.

9 (4) The Oregon Health Authority, under the supervision of the
10 board, shall establish standards, processes and procedures, in accord-
11 ance with the criteria established by the board under subsection (2)
12 of this section, that are necessary to carry out sections 2 to 10 of this
13 2017 Act.

14 (5) Not later than September 30 of each year, the board shall report
15 to the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means, on:

16 (a) The amount of moneys deposited in the Health Care Professional
17 Training Fund;

18 (b) The results of the board's assessment under subsection (1) of
19 this section; and

20 (c) The amount and recipient of each disbursement and the purpose
21 for which each disbursement was made.

22 SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and section 4 of this 2017
23 Act:

24 (a) "Health insurance" has the meaning given that term in ORS
25 731.162.

26 (b) "Insurer" means a:

27 (A) Person with a certificate of authority to transact insurance in
28 this state that offers health insurance for sale in this state;

29 (B) Third party administrator licensed under ORS 744.700 to 744.740;

30 (C) Health care service contractor as defined in ORS 750.005; and

31 (D) Multiple employer welfare arrangement as defined in ORS

750.301.

(2) No later than 45 days following the end of a calendar quarter, an insurer shall pay an assessment to the Oregon Health Authority at the rate of one cent per day for each Oregon resident who was enrolled in health insurance offered by the insurer during the previous calendar quarter. The payment must be accompanied by a verified report, or any other form prescribed by the authority, together with any information required by the authority.

(3) The authority shall deposit the assessments collected under this section in the Health Care Professional Training Fund established in section 1 of this 2017 Act.

(4) The assessment imposed under this section is in addition to and not in lieu of any tax, surcharge or other assessment imposed on an insurer.

SECTION 4. (1) If an insurer fails to timely file a verified form or to pay an assessment required under section 3 of this 2017 Act, the Oregon Health Authority may impose a penalty of up to \$500 per day of delinquency. The total amount of penalties imposed under this section for a calendar quarter may not exceed the assessment due for the calendar quarter.

(2) Any penalty imposed under this section is in addition to and not in lieu of the assessment imposed under section 3 of this 2017 Act.

(3) All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the General Fund and are available for general governmental expenses.

SECTION 5. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Health benefit plan" means a benefit plan, as defined in ORS 243.105, that reimburses the costs of health care and related services and supplies.

(b) "Insured" means an eligible employee or family member, as defined in ORS 243.105, who is covered by a self-insured health benefit

plan under ORS 243.105 to 243.285.

(2) No later than 45 days following the end of a calendar quarter, the Public Employees' Benefit Board shall pay an assessment to the Oregon Health Authority at the rate of one cent per day for each insured member who was enrolled in a self-insured health benefit plan offered by the board during the previous calendar quarter. The payment must be accompanied by a verified report, or other form prescribed by the authority, and any information required by the authority.

(3) The authority shall deposit the assessments collected under this section in the Health Care Professional Training Fund established in section 1 of this 2017 Act.

(4) The assessment imposed under this section is in addition to and not in lieu of any tax, surcharge or other assessment imposed on the board.

SECTION 6. (1) If the Public Employees' Benefit Board fails to timely file a verified form or to pay an assessment required under section 5 of this 2017 Act, the Oregon Health Authority may impose a penalty of up to \$500 per day of delinquency. The total amount of penalties imposed under this section for a calendar quarter may not exceed the assessment due for the calendar quarter.

(2) Any penalty imposed under this section is in addition to and not in lieu of the assessment imposed under section 5 of this 2017 Act.

(3) All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the General Fund and are available for general governmental expenses.

SECTION 7. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Health benefit plan" means a benefit plan, as defined in ORS 243.860, that reimburses the costs of health care and related services and supplies.

(b) "Insured" means an eligible employee or family member, as de-

1 **fined in ORS 243.860, who is covered by a self-insured health benefit**
2 **plan under ORS 243.860 to 243.286.**

3 **(2) No later than 45 days following the end of a calendar quarter,**
4 **the Oregon Educators Benefit Board shall pay an assessment to the**
5 **Oregon Health Authority at the rate of one cent per day for each in-**
6 **sured member who was enrolled in a self-insured health benefit plan**
7 **offered by the board during the previous calendar quarter. The pay-**
8 **ment must be accompanied by a verified report, or other form pre-**
9 **scribed by the authority, and any information required by the**
10 **authority.**

11 **(3) The authority shall deposit the assessments collected under this**
12 **section in the Health Care Professional Training Fund established in**
13 **section 1 of this 2017 Act.**

14 **(4) The assessment imposed under this section is in addition to and**
15 **not in lieu of any tax, surcharge or other assessment imposed on the**
16 **board.**

17 **SECTION 8.** (1) **If the Oregon Educators Benefit Board fails to**
18 **timely file a verified form or to pay an assessment required under**
19 **section 7 of this 2017 Act, the Oregon Health Authority may impose a**
20 **penalty of up to \$500 per day of delinquency. The total amount of**
21 **penalties imposed under this section for a calendar quarter may not**
22 **exceed the assessment due for the calendar quarter.**

23 **(2) Any penalty imposed under this section is in addition to and not**
24 **in lieu of the assessment imposed under section 7 of this 2017 Act.**

25 **(3) All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the**
26 **State Treasury and credited to the General Fund and are available for**
27 **general governmental expenses.**

28 **SECTION 9.** (1) **As used in this section and section 10 of this 2017**
29 **Act, “coordinated care organization” has the meaning given that term**
30 **in ORS 414.025.**

31 **(2) No later than 45 days following the end of a calendar quarter, a**

1 coordinated care organization shall pay an assessment to the Oregon
2 Health Authority at the rate of one cent per day for each member who
3 was enrolled in the coordinated care organization during the previous
4 calendar quarter. The payment must be accompanied by a verified re-
5 port, or any other form prescribed by the authority, together with any
6 information required by the authority.

7 (3) The authority shall deposit the assessments collected under this
8 section in the Health Care Professional Training Fund established in
9 section 1 of this 2017 Act.

10 (4) The assessment imposed under this section is in addition to and
11 not in lieu of any tax, surcharge or other assessment imposed on a
12 coordinated care organization.

13 SECTION 10. (1) If a coordinated care organization fails to timely
14 file a verified form or to pay an assessment required under section 9
15 of this 2017 Act, the Oregon Health Authority may impose a penalty
16 of up to \$500 per day of delinquency. The total amount of penalties
17 imposed under this section for a calendar quarter may not exceed the
18 assessment due for the calendar quarter.

19 (2) Any penalty imposed under this section is in addition to and not
20 in lieu of the assessment imposed under section 9 of this 2017 Act.

21 (3) All penalties recovered under this section shall be paid into the
22 State Treasury and credited to the General Fund and are available for
23 general governmental expenses.