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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 8, 2021

Subject: SB 70 – Relating to disparities in health outcomes for communities impacted by discrimination
Work Session Recommendations

SB 70 - A directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to work with regional health equity coalitions. Regional health equity coalitions are defined as autonomous, community-led, cross-sector groups that are focused on addressing health inequities experienced by priority populations, with a focus on communities of color. The measure requires OHA to ensure it has adequate staffing to support regional health equity coalition grantees through ongoing technical assistance, contract administration, program planning and daily operational support.

This measure is related to Policy Option Package 402 (Strategic/Structural Health Equity Innovation and Implementation) in OHA's 2021-23 requested budget. It is anticipated that \$2,026,985 total funds (including \$1,643,962 General Fund) will be used to establish two new permanent, full-time positions (1.88 FTE) to support the regional health equity coalitions; fund four new regional health equity coalitions; and increase funding for existing coalitions.

LFO recommends adoption of the - A2 amendment, which removes the General Fund appropriation from the bill. If the measure passes, funding to implement this measure will be addressed in HB 5024, which is the agency's primary budget bill.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the - A2 amendment.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 70, as amended by the - A2 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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