

SB 70 A -A2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/8, 6/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines key terms, including "community-led," "cross-sector," "culturally specific," "regional health equity coalition," "regional health equity coalition model," and "priority populations." Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to define "communities of color" by rule. Requires OHA to work with regional health equity coalitions and groups utilizing regional health equity coalition model, to ensure service to priority populations throughout the state. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 Removes General Fund appropriation.

BACKGROUND:

Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs) are collaborative, community-led, cross-sector groups organized regionally to identify and address health equity issues. Currently funded by the Oregon Health Authority's Office of Equity and Inclusion and Health Promotion Chronic Disease Prevention section of the Public Health Division, four RHECs currently serve nine Oregon counties: Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance (Linn and Benton counties); Mid-Columbia Health Equity Advocates (Hood River and Wasco counties); Oregon Health Equity Alliance (Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties); Southern Oregon Health Equity Coalition (Jackson and Josephine counties).

Senate Bill 70 directs the Oregon Health Authority to work with the regional health coalitions to ensure service to priority populations throughout Oregon.