

HB 2337 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/02/21

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, refer to Rules by prior reference.

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Campos, Dexter, Drazan, Hayden, Moore-Green, Noble, Prusak, Salinas, Schouten

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires state agencies and third party contractors that collect demographic data on behalf of state agencies to comply with rules adopted by Oregon Health Authority for collection of data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages and disability status. Requires authority to fund mobile health units to provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services in every region of state based on recommendations of work groups convened by local health authorities. Specifies services to be provided by mobile health units. Requires mobile health units to collect and report to authority specified data that authority then reports to Legislative Assembly. Requires authority, based on recommendations from task forces convened by Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office, to establish and fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs designed to prevent or intervene in health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes for individuals who are Black or indigenous and people of color. Requires office to report recommendations to Legislative Assembly. Requires authority to audit coordinated care organizations, providers of health care to medical assistance recipients and licensed health care facilities to ensure compliance with language access requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Requires Legislative Equity Office to conduct racial health equity impact analysis on all legislation passing in originating chamber and report findings to committees of Legislative Assembly related to health. Requires Legislative Equity Officer to employ Equity Coordinator to coordinate language access and physical access for individuals with disabilities to enable participation in legislative process. Requires Equity Coordinator to conduct community outreach to promote more diverse participation in legislative process. Requires biennial report to Legislative Assembly of activities of Equity Coordinator. Makes appropriations to Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office and Legislative Equity Office to carry out new responsibilities. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Re-referral of the measure to House Committee on Rules by prior reference.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: