

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2337 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to commission a study of the collection of race, ethnicity, language and disability status data of Oregonians. Directs Oregon Health Authority to provide grants to operate two pilot mobile health units.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Rules to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 2337 A-Engrossed declares that racism is a public health crisis in Oregon and appropriates \$2 million General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide grants to operate two pilot mobile health units.

The measure directs the Advisory Committee convened by OHA to adopt by rule uniform standards, based on local, statewide, and national best practices, for the collection of data on race, ethnicity, preferred spoken and written languages and disability status to commission a study of the collection of Race, Ethnicity, Language, and Disability status (REALD) data of Oregonians. The study must: (1) identify all state agencies that collect REALD data within the course of operations; (2) provide an inventory of state databases that collect REALD data, and the readiness of state agency data systems to collect REALD data. The study must define which of these systems are able to be upgraded, the cost of doing so, and a priority with which it should be done. OHA must report the results and findings of this study to the Legislature by July 1, 2023.

In addition, the measure directs OHA to provide grants to operate two pilot mobile health units. OHA is required to study the feasibility of expanding mobile health units throughout Oregon. OHA must provide an interim report on the implementation of the pilot program to the Legislature by June 30, 2024.

The measure directs the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) to convene affinity group task forces of leaders of Black and indigenous communities, people of color and the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon to discuss and research the specific needs of the communities they represent and develop recommendations for specific allocations of resources to address the communities' needs and health inequities faced by the communities. The task forces are required to make recommendations on whether their work should continue beyond June 30, 2023. OACO is required to report the recommendations of the task forces to the Legislature by November 1, 2022.

Further Analysis Required

Based on the research and recommendations of the affinity group task forces, OHA is required to develop recommendations on how to fund culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs, across all relevant state agencies, designed to prevent or intervene in the health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes for individuals who are Black or indigenous, people of color and tribes. The interventions must focus on aspects of the social determinants of health including housing, access to food, neighborhood safety, education, transportation and involvement with the criminal justice system.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

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