

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 800**

Ordered by the Senate April 23  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 23

Sponsored by Senator WAGNER; Senator MANNING JR (at the request of Oregon Health Care Association)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Requires Oregon Health Authority to study and make recommendations to interim committees of Legislative Assembly, no later than September 15, 2022, for legislative changes needed to increase access to health care for all Oregonians.]*

*[Sunsets January 2, 2023.]*

**Establishes Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program in Oregon Health Authority to provide health care to employees of long term care facilities, residential care facilities and in-home care agencies that participate in medical assistance program. Directs authority to contract with entity to administer program.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

Relating to health care; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

**(a) "Eligible employer" means an operator of a facility that:**

**(A) Is a participating provider in the state medical assistance program;**

**(B) Elects to participate in the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program; and**

**(C) Meets other requirements prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority by rule.**

**(b) "Facility" includes:**

**(A) A long term care facility licensed under ORS 441.020;**

**(B) A residential care facility licensed under ORS 443.415; and**

**(C) An in-home care agency licensed under ORS 443.315.**

**(2) The Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program is established in the Oregon Health Authority to provide health care to employees of eligible employers. The authority shall contract with an entity to administer the program.**

**(3) To participate in the program, an eligible employer shall:**

**(a) Apply in the form and manner prescribed by the rules for the program;**

**(b) Agree to participate in evidence-based workforce and quality of care improvements;**

**and**

**(c) Annually report quality and other metrics.**

**(4) The authority may provide additional medical assistance payments to eligible employers that comply with this section and rules adopted by the authority.**

**(5) The authority may adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.**

**SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program Trust Fund is**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund, consisting  
2 of:

3 (a) Moneys appropriated to the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program Trust  
4 Fund by the Legislative Assembly;

5 (b) Contributions from eligible employers as defined in section 1 of this 2021 Act;

6 (c) Federal financial participation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in  
7 the costs of the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program established in section 1  
8 of this 2021 Act; and

9 (d) Other sources of funds, public or private.

10 (2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority:

11 (a) To pay for the cost of health care provided in the Oregon Essential Workforce Health  
12 Care Program established in section 1 of this 2021 Act;

13 (b) For additional payments under section 1 (4) of this 2021 Act; and

14 (c) For the administration of section 1 of this 2021 Act.

15 (3) Moneys in the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program Trust Fund are re-  
16 tained in the fund and do not revert to the General Fund.

17 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
18 ated to the Oregon Health Authority for deposit to the Oregon Essential Workforce Health  
19 Care Program Trust Fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund,  
20 the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for carrying out the provisions of section 1  
21 of this 2021 Act.

22 **SECTION 4.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
23 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect  
24 on its passage.

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