

HB 4052 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to administer pilot program to provide grants to operate two culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to serve priority populations. Defines “priority populations.” Requires OHA to convene advisory committee to provide guidance on pilot program. Requires OHA to study feasibility of expanding mobile health units throughout the state and specifies study components. Requires OHA to provide interim report to Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2025 and final report by June 30, 2026. Requires Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) to convene affinity group task forces to develop recommendations for specific allocation of resources to address needs and health inequities faces by Black and indigenous communities, people of color, and members of Oregon’s nine federally recognized tribes. Requires OHA to develop recommendations on how to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs designed to prevent or intervene in health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes for those communities. Requires OACO to report recommendations to Legislative Assembly by November 1, 2023. Appropriates \$2,000,000 to OHA to administer pilot program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Social determinants of health and impact of health disparities
- Role and value of mobile health units
- Importance of community voice
- Types of services to be provided by mobile health units

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies definition of "priority populations" and defines "communities of color." Clarifies role of required advisory committee, including specified membership. Clarifies pilot program grantee requirements. Clarifies reporting requirements regarding recommendations on how to fund robust 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 BIPOC individuals and tribal members. Deletes \$2,000,000 appropriation.

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FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the Oregon House of Representatives passed House Resolution 6 declaring racism as a public health crisis in the state. The resolution found that “incidents of racism consistently experienced by Black and indigenous communities, people of color and tribes create racial disparities in social, health, economic, legal and academic outcomes.” HR 6 further found that “racial justice requires the formation and purposeful reinforcement of policies, practices, ideologies and behaviors that create equitable power, access, opportunity, treatment and

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outcomes for all people regardless of race and redistribute resources to invest where inequities are greatest.”

House Bill 4052 requires Oregon Health Authority to administer a pilot program to provide grants to establish culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to serve priority populations. The measure also requires OHA and the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office to report to the legislature on recommendations for funding programs to address health inequities experienced by Black and indigenous communities, people of color, and members of tribes; requires OHA to administer a pilot program to provide grants to establish culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units to serve priority populations.