

**HB 2918 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 3/1

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$4,000,000 General Fund to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for use in providing grants to continue mobile health unit pilot program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2022, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 4052 requiring the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide grants to operate two culturally and linguistically specific mobile health units in Oregon. Mobile health units can help underserved communities overcome common barriers to accessing health care, including time, geography, and trust. By making health care more accessible than in traditional settings, mobile health units can improve health outcomes in the communities they serve.

Huse Bill 2918 would appropriate \$4,000,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for use in providing grants to continue the mobile health unit pilot program established by House Bill 4052 (2022).