

HB 2925 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends deadlines for affinity group task forces convened by Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) to develop recommendations for specific allocations of resources to address needs and health inequities of community. Requires OACO to report to Legislative Assembly on development of recommendations by November 1, 2023, and on final recommendations by June 20, 2026. Extends deadlines for Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to develop recommendations on how to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs based on recommendations of OACO affinity groups. Requires OHA to report to Legislative Assembly on development of recommendations by June 30, 2024, and on final recommendations by September 15, 2026. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Issues with HB 4052 (2022) implementation timeline
- Health inequities faced by Black and indigenous communities, people of color, and tribal members
- Work of affinity group task forces to date

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Clarifies role of nine federally recognized tribes in affinity group task force and recommendation development processes.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 4052 requiring the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) to convene affinity group task forces consisting of leaders of Black and indigenous communities, people of color (BIPOC), and members of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon. The measure required the task forces to discuss and research the specific needs of the communities they represent and develop recommendations on the resources needed to address those needs and the health inequities faced by the communities. House Bill 4052 also required the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to use the affinity group task force recommendations to develop recommendations on how to fund robust culturally and linguistically specific intervention programs designed to prevent or intervene in the health conditions that result in inequitable and negative outcomes for BIPOC and tribal individuals.

House Bill 2925 would extend the deadlines for the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office affinity group task forces and the Oregon Health Authority to submit the recommendations required by House Bill 4052 (2022) to the Legislative Assembly.