

HB 2918 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 03/13/23

Action: Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Bowman, Conrad, Dexter, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Morgan, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/1, 3/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$4,000,000 from General Fund to Oregon Health Authority for use in providing grants to continue mobile health unit pilot program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of access to culturally competent primary care
- Services anticipated to be provided by mobile health units
- Long-term funding vision
- Differences from county-run mobile health units

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 4052 requiring the Oregon Health Authority 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.

House Bill 2918 appropriates \$4,000,000 from 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).