

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2773

By COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

March 17

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Local Public Health Incentive Subaccount is established in the**  
3 **Health Care Provider Incentive Fund established in ORS 676.450. Interest earned by the Local**  
4 **Public Health Incentive Subaccount shall be credited to the subaccount. The Local Public**  
5 **Health Incentive Subaccount consists of moneys appropriated to the subaccount by the**  
6 **Legislative Assembly, grants, donations, contributions or gifts received from public sources**  
7 **under subsection (2) of this section and interest earned upon moneys in the subaccount.**

8 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority may accept grants, donations, contributions or gifts**  
9 **from any public source for deposit in the subaccount.**

10 **“(3) Moneys in the subaccount are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Au-**  
11 **thority for carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

12 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide incentives to increase the**  
13 **recruitment and retention of all public health professionals in the local public health**  
14 **workforce who have associate, bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degrees or other credentials**  
15 **and who can provide culturally responsive health services at local public health authorities,**  
16 **as defined in ORS 431.003, that serve underserved populations and communities, including**  
17 **but not limited to:**

18 **“(a) American Indian or Alaska Native people;**

19 **“(b) People of color;**

20 **“(c) Individuals who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community;**

21 **“(d) Veterans;**

22 **“(e) Persons with disabilities; and**

23 **“(f) Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**

24 **“(2) The authority shall increase access to services for rural and underserved communi-**  
25 **ties by:**

26 **“(a) Expanding funding to provide incentives to traditional health workers, unlicensed**  
27 **and licensed local public health providers and other local public health professionals who are**  
28 **culturally competent.**

29 **“(b) Developing programs and providing incentives to increase the number of individuals**  
30 **training for and entering an occupation in the field of public health and to improve the re-**  
31 **tention of the local public health workforce in this state through:**

32 **“(A) Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students who are pursuing a program**  
33 **or course of study that focuses on public health;**

34 **“(B) Student loan forgiveness and repayment assistance;**

35 **“(C) Housing assistance;**

1       **“(D) Sign-on bonuses;**  
2       **“(E) Flextime and part-time opportunities;**  
3       **“(F) Retention bonuses;**  
4       **“(G) Professional development;**  
5       **“(H) Child care subsidies;**  
6       **“(I) Tuition assistance;**  
7       **“(J) Bonuses and stipends for supervisors of interns or fellows;**  
8       **“(K) Financial assistance for licensing or other certification examination fees and costs**  
9 **of examination preparation courses;**  
10       **“(L) Living stipends for students enrolled at an institution of higher education in a pro-**  
11 **gram or course of study that focuses on public health; and**  
12       **“(M) Credit counseling services.**  
13       **“(3) The authority shall develop by rule a program to award local public health profes-**  
14 **sionals student loan forgiveness or student loan repayment assistance based on criteria**  
15 **specified by the authority, which may include tenure or the completion of a commitment of**  
16 **service at a local public health authority.**  
17       **“(4) The authority may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.**  
18       **“SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, ‘local public health authority’ and ‘local public**  
19 **health administrator’ have the meanings given those terms in ORS 431.003.**  
20       **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a program to provide grants, in con-**  
21 **sultation with local public health administrators or their designees, to employees of local**  
22 **public health authorities who:**  
23       **“(a) Engage in a preceptorship during a public health rotation with students seeking a**  
24 **nursing degree;**  
25       **“(b) Supervise an internship at a local public health authority for students seeking a**  
26 **master’s degree in public health; and**  
27       **“(c) Provide other opportunities to college students to receive training in, and super-**  
28 **vision of, duties performed at a local public health authority.**  
29       **“(3) Moneys received under this section do not constitute ‘compensation’ for purposes**  
30 **of ORS 652.210 to 652.235.**  
31       **“(4) The authority shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.**  
32       **“SECTION 4. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall study the administration and effec-**  
33 **tiveness of the programs established under sections 2 and 3 of this 2023 Act and submit two**  
34 **reports in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for leg-**  
35 **islation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health and the**  
36 **Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services. At mini-**  
37 **imum, the reports must:**  
38       **“(a) Provide recommendations to improve the programs;**  
39       **“(b) Identify the number of individuals who received financial support through the pro-**  
40 **grams, the subject areas in which individuals operated and the duration for which individuals**  
41 **worked in public health following participation in the programs; and**  
42       **“(c) Examine other information as determined by the authority by rule.**  
43       **“(2)(a) The first report must be submitted no later than November 1, 2026.**  
44       **“(b) The second report must be submitted no later than November 1, 2028.**  
45       **“(3) The authority shall provide notice to all local public health authorities, the Joint**

1 Interim Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services and the Emer-  
2 gency Board if the funds deposited under section 6 of this 2023 Act in the Local Public Health  
3 Incentive Subaccount established under section 1 of this 2023 Act are expected to be ex-  
4 hausted before July 1, 2029.

5 “SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2023 Act is repealed on July 1, 2029.

6 “SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-  
7 priated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the  
8 General Fund, the amount of \$40,000,000 for deposit in the Local Public Health Incentive  
9 Subaccount established under section 1 of this 2023 Act.

10 “SECTION 7. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-  
11 priated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the  
12 General Fund, the amount of \$7,000,000 for carrying out the provisions of section 3 of this  
13 2023 Act.

14 “SECTION 8. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023  
15 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”  
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