

House Bill 3587

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to use singular formula to provide funds for local public health initiatives. Requires authority to provide certain funds to local public health authority if qualified organization is not available in county. Directs authority to consult and coordinate with local public health authority for county before entering into contract related to local public health initiative in county.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to local public health authorities; and declaring an emergency.

2 Whereas local public health authorities are committed to eliminating health inequities in this
3 state; and
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5 Whereas local public health authorities partner with diverse community stakeholders to develop
6 health equity plans and community health improvement plans; and

7 Whereas local public health authorities have unique and extensive knowledge about local com-
8 munities and available community-based organizations; and

9 Whereas local public health authorities are committed to working with existing and new com-
10 munity partners to build capacity to achieve public health equity goals; and

11 Whereas local public health authorities are fully committed and statutorily required to develop
12 equitable, culturally responsive and community-centered capabilities in furtherance of the state's
13 public health modernization efforts; and

14 Whereas local public health authorities operate under significant accountability metrics, in-
15 cluding reporting requirements and quality assurance review, to ensure reasonable stewardship of
16 taxpayer moneys and the accomplishment of the state's public health modernization goals; and

17 Whereas local public health authorities are the most qualified entities to implement local public
18 health modernization efforts to ensure equitable health outcomes and coordinated implementation;
19 now, therefore,

20 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

21 **SECTION 1. To ensure equitable health outcomes in all communities in this state, the**
22 **Oregon Health Authority shall:**

23 **(1) Utilize the formula adopted under ORS 431.380 (1) to provide funding for local public**
24 **health initiatives, including but not limited to the foundational capabilities established under**
25 **ORS 431.131 and the foundational programs established under ORS 431.141.**

26 **(2) If an organization does not operate within a county and cannot be established within**
27 **the biennium, distribute all funds, that otherwise would have been distributed to an organ-**
28 **ization to implement a local public health initiative, to the local public health authority for**
29 **the county to implement the local public health initiative.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(3) Before entering into a contract related to a local public health initiative, consult and**
2 **coordinate with the local public health authorities for the counties in which the public health**
3 **initiative contemplated by the contract will occur to ensure conformance to local health eq-**
4 **uity plans, community health improvement plans and other local public health goals.**

5 **SECTION 2.** **This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
7 **on its passage.**

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