

HB 2773-2  
(LC 1067)  
3/7/23 (VSR/ps)

Requested by Representative RUIZ

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2773**

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

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

11 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority may accept grants, donations,**  
12 **contributions or gifts from any public source for deposit in the sub-**  
13 **account.**

14 **“(3) Moneys in the subaccount are continuously appropriated to the**  
15 **Oregon Health Authority for carrying out the provisions of section 2**  
16 **of this 2023 Act.**

17 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide incen-**  
18 **tives to increase the recruitment and retention of all public health**  
19 **professionals in the local public health workforce who have associate,**  
20 **bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degrees or other credentials and who**  
21 **can provide culturally responsive health services at local public health**

1 **authorities, as defined in ORS 431.003, that serve underserved popu-**  
2 **lations and communities, including but not limited to:**

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

4 **“(b) People of color;**

5 **“(c) Individuals who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ commu-**  
6 **nity;**

7 **“(d) Veterans;**

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

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

10 **“(2) The authority shall increase access to services for rural and**  
11 **underserved communities by:**

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

15 **“(b) Developing programs and providing incentives to increase the**  
16 **number of individuals training for and entering an occupation in the**  
17 **field of public health and to improve the retention of the local public**  
18 **health workforce in this state through:**

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

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

22 **“(C) Housing assistance;**

23 **“(D) Sign-on bonuses;**

24 **“(E) Flextime and part-time opportunities;**

25 **“(F) Retention bonuses;**

26 **“(G) Professional development;**

27 **“(H) Child care subsidies;**

28 **“(I) Tuition assistance;**

29 **“(J) Bonuses and stipends for supervisors of interns or fellows;**

30 **“(K) Financial assistance for licensing or other certification exam-**

1 ination fees and costs of examination preparation courses;

2 “(L) Living stipends for students enrolled at an institution of higher  
3 education in a program or course of study that focuses on public  
4 health; and

5 “(M) Credit counseling services.

6 “(3) The authority shall develop by rule a program to award local  
7 public health professionals student loan forgiveness or student loan  
8 repayment assistance based on criteria specified by the authority,  
9 which may include tenure or the completion of a commitment of ser-  
10 vice at a local public health authority.

11 “(4) The authority may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of  
12 this section.

13 **“SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, ‘local public health au-  
14 thority’ and ‘local public health administrator’ have the meanings  
15 given those terms in ORS 431.003.**

16 “(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a program to  
17 provide grants, in consultation with local public health administrators  
18 or their designees, to employees of local public health authorities who:

19 “(a) Engage in a preceptorship during a public health rotation with  
20 students seeking a nursing degree;

21 “(b) Supervise an internship at a local public health authority for  
22 students seeking a master’s degree in public health; and

23 “(c) Provide other opportunities to college students to receive  
24 training in, and supervision of, duties performed at a local public  
25 health authority.

26 “(3) Moneys received under this section do not constitute ‘compen-  
27 sation’ for purposes of ORS 652.210 to 652.235.

28 “(4) The authority shall adopt rules to carry out the provisions of  
29 this section.

30 **“SECTION 4. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall study the ad-**

1 **ministration and effectiveness of the programs established under**  
2 **sections 2 and 3 of this 2023 Act and submit two reports in the manner**  
3 **provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legis-**  
4 **lation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related**  
5 **to health and the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means Sub-**  
6 **committee on Human Services. At minimum, the reports must:**

7 **“(a) Provide recommendations to improve the programs;**

8 **“(b) Identify the number of individuals who received financial sup-**  
9 **port through the programs, the subject areas in which individuals op-**  
10 **erated and the duration for which individuals worked in public health**  
11 **following participation in the programs; and**

12 **“(c) Examine other information as determined by the authority by**  
13 **rule.**

14 **“(2)(a) The first report must be submitted no later than November**  
15 **1, 2026.**

16 **“(b) The second report must be submitted no later than November**  
17 **1, 2028.**

18 **“(3) The authority shall provide notice to all local public health**  
19 **authorities, the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means Sub-**  
20 **committee on Human Services and the Emergency Board if the funds**  
21 **deposited under section 6 of this 2023 Act in the Local Public Health**  
22 **Incentive Subaccount established under section 1 of this 2023 Act are**  
23 **expected to be exhausted before July 1, 2029.**

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

25 **“SECTION 6. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**  
26 **ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the**  
27 **biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount**  
28 **of \$40,000,000 for deposit in the Local Public Health Incentive Subac-**  
29 **count established under section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

30 **“SECTION 7. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**

1 ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the  
2 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount  
3 of \$7,000,000 for carrying out the provisions of section 3 of this 2023  
4 Act.

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

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