

HB 4011 -1, -3, -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure makes changes to insurance coverage requirements for cervical cancer screening and requires the Oregon Health Plan to provide coverage of continuous glucose monitors. It requires dental laboratories to be licensed by the Health Licensing Office. The measure appropriates funds to increase the retention and recruitment of nurse educator and behavioral health workers. It establishes the Harm Reduction Clearinghouse Project in the Oregon Health Authority.

Detailed Summary

- **Insurance Coverage (Sections 1 - 7)**
 - Prohibits health benefit plans covering the cost of cervical cancer examinations from imposing cost-sharing on insured
 - Requires medical assistance program to provide coverage of continuous glucose monitor in specified circumstances
- **Dental Laboratory Registration (Sections 8 - 26)**
 - Requires dental laboratory to be registered with Health Licensing Office (HLO)
 - Specifies registration requirements
 - Requires dental laboratory to provide material content disclosure and point of origin of manufacture for each appliance or material ordered by dentist
- **Nurse Educators (Sections 27 - 28)**
 - Requires Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide grants to Oregon Center for Nursing to develop programs to recruit and retain nurse educators at public and private institutions of higher education
 - Appropriates \$5 million to (OHA) for grants
- **Behavioral Health Providers (Sections 29 - 30)**
 - Requires OHA to enter into agreement with the Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO) to recruit and retain behavioral health workforce
 - Appropriates \$1 million to OHA for agreement purposes
- **Harm Reduction Clearinghouse (Sections 31 - 32)**
 - Establishes Harm Reduction Clearinghouse Project in OHA to make bulk purchases of harm reduction supplies that prevent overdose, infections, and injuries related to substance use

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Exclusion of nurse faculty at private universities in HB 3396
- Number of new workers MHACBO was able to register via HB 2949 funds
- Preventability of cervical cancer
- Value of continuous glucose monitors in preventing chronic kidney disease

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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-1 Clarifies definition of "cervical cancer screening."

-3 Removes requirement effort to increase recruitment and retention of behavioral health worker be focused on people or color, tribal members, or residents of rural areas.

-4 Removes requirement that OHA enter into agreement with MHACBO to recruit and retain behavioral health workforce.

BACKGROUND:

In recent years, the Legislative Assembly has appropriated funds aimed at increasing the health care workforce, particularly in the areas of behavioral health and nursing. In 2021, the legislature passed House Bill 2949, appropriating \$60 million to the Oregon Health Authority to provide incentives to increase the recruitment and retention of a culturally responsive behavioral health workforce. Some of this appropriation was used to help cover certification fees for workers registering with the Mental Health & Addiction Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO). In 2023, the legislature passed House Bill 3396 and appropriated \$5 million to the Oregon Health Authority to provide grants to the Oregon Center for Nursing to work with public nursing education programs to recruit and retain nursing educators.

In 2023, the Legislative Assembly also passed measures aimed at addressing the state's drug addiction crisis. This included the passage of House Bill 2395 that aimed to increase access to short-acting opioid antagonists and exempting specified harm reduction supplies from the definition of "drug paraphernalia."