

## HB 4070 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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**Action Date:** 02/14/24

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
(Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 10-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 10 - Bowman, Conrad, Dexter, Diehl, Goodwin, Javadi, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

**Nays:** 1 - Yunker

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/5, 2/14

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adjust grants awarded to school-based health centers (SBHCs) for inflation. It tells OHA to issue grants to 10 districts for planning and operating SBHCs and to implement a grant program to increase and improve school-based mental health services.

#### Detailed Summary

Establishes grant awards for SBHCs and requires OHA to annually adjust award amounts for inflation based on a specified index. Requires OHA, in consultation with the Department of Education, to select 10 school districts or education service districts to receive grants for the planning and operation of school-based health services. Requires OHA to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide technical assistance to grantees to reduce costs and improve coordination. Requires grantees to solicit community participation in the planning process. Appropriates \$700,000 to OHA for SBHC planning grants. Requires OHA to implement a program to issue grants to districts to increase and improve mental health services. Appropriates \$7,850,000 to OHA for grant purposes. Requires OHA to study methods for providing or increasing reimbursement for mental health services delivered through SBHCs under the Oregon Health Plan. Authorizes the State Treasurer to issue lottery bonds at the request of OHA in an amount that produces \$10 million for SBHC construction, equipment, and grants.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Services provided by SBHCs

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes definition of "school mental health model." Changes the grant conclusion date from July 1, 2027, to July 1, 2026. Decreases the appropriation to OHA for SBHC planning grants. Clarifies the scope of services to be covered by grant program.

#### BACKGROUND:

School-based health centers (SBHCs) provide comprehensive physical, mental, and preventive health services to youth and adolescents, either within a school or on school property. SBHCs have existed in Oregon since 1986 through unique public-private partnerships between the Oregon Public Health Division, school districts, county public health departments, public and private practitioners, tribes, parents, students, and community members. By delivering health care in a school setting, SBHCs reduce barriers such as cost, transportation, and concerns surrounding confidentiality that may keep children and youth from seeking the health services they need. SBHCs provide a full range of physical, mental, and preventative health services to all students, regardless of their ability to pay.