

HB 4011 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 02/19/24

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

Vote: 8-3-0-0

Yeas: 8 - Bowman, Conrad, Dexter, Javadi, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H, Tran

Nays: 3 - Diehl, Goodwin, Yunker

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/6, 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure makes changes to insurance coverage requirements for cervical cancer screening and requires the Oregon Health Plan to cover 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 educators 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 from imposing cost-sharing on covered cervical cancer examinations
 - Requires the Oregon Health Plan to cover continuous glucose monitors in specified circumstances
- **Dental Laboratory Registration (Sections 8 - 26)**
 - Requires dental laboratories to register with the Health Licensing Office (HLO) beginning July 1, 2025
 - Specifies registration requirements
 - Requires laboratories to provide material content and point-of-origin disclosures for each appliance or material ordered by a dentist
- **Nurse Educators (Sections 27 - 28)**
 - Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide grants to the 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 provide funds to the Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon (MHACBO) for payment of certification or licensure fees for certain behavioral health providers
 - Appropriates \$1 million to OHA for this purpose
- **Harm Reduction Clearinghouse (Sections 31 - 32)**
 - Establishes the 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 (2023)

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- Number of new workers registered by MHACBO with HB 2949 (2021) funds
- Applicability of Fourteenth Amendment to MHACBO agreement provisions
- Preventability of cervical cancer
- Value of continuous glucose monitors in preventing chronic kidney disease

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Clarifies definition of "cervical cancer screening." Clarifies dental laboratory registration processes. Permits HLO to inspect copies of dental laboratory work orders. Pushes out operative date of dental laboratory registration requirements from January 1, 2025, to July 1, 2025.

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."