

SB 530 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adjust grants to Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs) annually, based on inflation.

DETAILED SUMMARY:

- Directs OHA to annually adjust the amount of grants to RHECs based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact. No statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact. No statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces requirement to adjust based on CPI with the requirement to adjust for inflation as determined by the Legislative Assembly in its biennial appropriation to OHA.

BACKGROUND:

Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs) are community-led, cross-sector groups organized regionally to identify and address health equity issues. RHECs work with communities to identify long-term strategies to increase health equity for communities of color, tribal communities, immigrants, refugees, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, individuals and families with low income, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ communities, with communities of color as the leading priority. The RHEC model was created in 2011 by the Office of Equity and Inclusion at OHA ([Link](#) to Regional Health Equity Coalitions/ [Link](#) to RHEC OAR).

Senate Bill 530 directs the Oregon Health Authority to adjust funding for RHECs based on inflation.

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