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Bill Title: Relating to regional health equity coalitions; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 9,700,844	\$ -			\$ 9,700,844		
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 9,700,844	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,700,844	-	-

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Measure Description

The measure appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to fund three additional regional health equity coalitions (RHEC) and provide each RHEC with two additional full-time staff as well as funds for RHEC operational costs. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Fiscal Analysis

Regional Health Equity Coalitions address health inequities in their region by conducting a community needs assessment and developing a workplan to address the needs identified in the assessment. While grant awards are made to an individual RHEC, multiple RHECs may be operated by a single organization. Existing RHECs evaluate requests for grant proposals and select grantees. Currently there are 10 RHECs that each receive \$300,000 General Fund per biennium, with a total base program funding of \$3 million General Fund.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure is \$9.7 million. Expanding base program funding to three additional RHECs would cost \$900,000 at the current funding rate. The Oregon Health Authority estimates that the cost to fund two additional full-time staff, inclusive of salary and benefits, to be \$445,276 per RHEC, per biennium. For thirteen RHECs, the additional staffing cost would be \$5.8 million. Although the measure also requires OHA to provide funding to support programmatic and staffing costs for RHECs, it does not specify if this funding is in addition to current base funding or is inclusive of current funding. OHA notes that programmatic costs for RHECs to support monthly member meetings are \$145,128 per RHEC, per biennium. For 13 RHECs this would be an additional \$1.9 million. OHA also has included an assumed general “costs of business” increase of \$86,584 per RHEC, per biennium. For 13 RHECs this would be an additional \$1.2 million. The sum of these costs, in addition to the \$3 million of base funding for the existing RHECs, is \$9.7 million for the 2023-25 biennium.