

HB 3773 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority to adopt by rule qualification criteria for veteran-specific personal health navigators, to be included in the statutory definition of traditional health workers.

Detailed Summary

- Adds the definition of “veteran-specific personal health navigator” to ORS 414.025, and to ORS 414.665 relating to traditional health workers utilized by coordinate care organizations.
- Describes qualifications for navigators including experience; lived experience; physical, behavioral, and oral health care experience; culturally appropriate health education and other provisions.
- Adds to statutes related to public assistance, medical assistance, and to the Oregon Health Authority, the definition of “veteran-specific personal health navigator”.
- Describes qualifications for navigators including experience; lived experience; physical, behavioral, and oral health care experience; culturally appropriate health education and other provisions.
- Adds “veteran-specific personal health navigator” to be included in the statutory definition of traditional health workers.

Fiscal impact: TBD

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of peer support specialists in veteran health care
- Personal stories from veterans about accessing health care
- Types of services the personal health care navigators could provide to veterans

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Health Authority, Traditional Health Workers are individuals from their local communities who may also share socioeconomic ties and lived life experiences with health plan members. House Bill 3650 (2011) authorized coordinated care organizations to provide members with access to traditional health care and approved application for federal reimbursement for these services. House Bill 3407 (2013) created the Traditional Health Worker Commission to adopt rules regarding regulation of these health care providers.