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Bill Title: Relating to community health workers; 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	\$ 2,238,468	\$ -	\$ 12,722	\$ 232,212	\$ 2,483,402	3	2.13
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 2,238,468	\$ -	\$ 12,722	\$ 232,212	\$ 2,483,402	3	2.13

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to assess fee-for-service billing practices for community health workers providing services to medical assistance recipients and develop recommendations to make funding adequate and sustainable. Additionally, OHA must assess the current payment model and alternative payment models for community health workers serving medical assistance recipients in nonclinical settings. In both cases, OHA may contract with a third-party to complete the assessment. By November 1, 2026, OHA must submit a report, including their improvement implementation plan, to the legislature.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$2.5 million total funds and three positions (2.13 FTE). Of the total, \$1.9 million General Fund will be used to contract with a third-party to conduct the assessments. Additionally, OHA will require three limited duration positions, including, one full-time project manager 2 position to coordinate input from subject matter experts and facilitate engagement with internal and external stakeholders, one full-time operations and policy analyst 3 position to develop, create and update Medicaid billing guides and partner with traditional health workers, their employers and CCOs on billing practices and procedures and one part-time operations and policy analyst 3 position to assist with required reports, technical assistance and education. The estimated cost of the positions, including personal services and position-related services and supplies costs is \$598,916 total funds.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

OHA must submit a report to the legislature by November 1, 2026.

The measure is repealed January 2, 2027.