

House Bill 2994

Sponsored by Representative NELSON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells OHA to create a position designed to promote health equity. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.4).

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a medical science liaison position to develop recommendations for advancing health equity and justice.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to health equity; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a medical science liaison**
5 **position within the authority to:**

6 (a) **Promote the recognition of racism as a public health crisis;**

7 (b) **Identify barriers to progress on health equity and justice; and**

8 (c) **Develop trauma-informed recommendations for advancing health equity and justice.**

9 (2) **The authority shall annually report to the Legislative Assembly regarding the rec-**
10 **ommendations developed by the medical science liaison under this section.**

11 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
12 **ated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the**
13 **General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended to carry out the provisions**
14 **of section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

15 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
17 **July 1, 2025.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.