

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3554

By COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “providers” insert “; and prescribing an effective  
2 date”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 23 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 **“(a) ‘Primary care practice’ means a health care clinic that is owned and operated by one  
6 or more primary care providers.**

7 **“(b) ‘Primary care provider’ means a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, a physi-  
8 cian associate licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525 or a nurse practitioner licensed under  
9 ORS 678.375 to 678.390 who practices in primary care, general family medicine, pediatrics,  
10 internal medicine or obstetrics and gynecology.**

11 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a primary care provider loan repayment  
12 program for the purpose of providing loan repayment subsidies to primary care providers  
13 who:**

14 **“(a) Provide primary care services in suburban and urban areas of this state in which the  
15 authority determines there is a primary care provider workforce shortage; and**

16 **“(b) Are employed by or contracted with a primary care practice that meets the financial  
17 incentive eligibility requirements under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

18 **“(3) The authority may receive gifts, grants or contributions from any source, whether  
19 public or private, to carry out the provisions of this section. Moneys received under this  
20 section shall be deposited in the Primary Care Incentive Fund established under section 4  
21 of this 2025 Act.**

22 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, ‘primary care practice’ and ‘primary care pro-  
23 vider’ have the meanings given those terms in section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

24 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall establish a primary care incentive program to  
25 provide financial incentives to eligible primary care practices in order to increase the pri-  
26 mary care capacity in this state. The financial incentives provided under this section may  
27 include, but are not limited to, short-term low-interest loans to eligible primary care prac-  
28 tices in order to support necessary infrastructure for practice operation.**

29 **“(3) In order to be eligible to receive financial incentives under this section, a primary  
30 care practice must:**

31 **“(a) Include no more than 20 primary care providers;**

32 **“(b) Be located in a suburban or urban area of this state in which the authority deter-  
33 mines there is a primary care provider workforce shortage; and**

34 **“(c) Serve patients who are state medical assistance program enrollees or Medicare  
35 enrollees in a proportion that is substantially equivalent to the proportion of those patients**

1 in the geographical area in which the primary care practice is located.

2 “(4) In providing financial incentives under this section, the authority shall structure the  
3 financial incentives in a manner that encourages a primary care practice to continue its  
4 operations in the geographical area in which it is located.

5 “(5) The authority may receive gifts, grants or other contributions from any source,  
6 whether public or private, to carry out this section. Moneys received under this section shall  
7 be deposited in the Primary Care Incentive Fund established under section 4 of this 2025 Act.

8 **“SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section:**

9 **“(a) ‘Electronic health record’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 413.300.**

10 **“(b) ‘Primary care practice’ has the meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2025**  
11 **Act.**

12 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide low-interest loans to primary care prac-**  
13 **tices for the purpose of implementing and upgrading interoperative electronic health records**  
14 **systems used by the primary care practices.**

15 **“(3) In order to be eligible for a low-interest loan under this section, a primary care**  
16 **practice must meet the requirements for financial incentive eligibility under section 2 of this**  
17 **2025 Act.**

18 **“(4) The authority may receive gifts, grants or other contributions from any source,**  
19 **whether public or private, to carry out this section. Moneys received under this section shall**  
20 **be deposited in the Primary Care Incentive Fund established under section 4 of this 2025 Act.**

21 **“SECTION 4. The Primary Care Incentive Fund is established in the State Treasury,**  
22 **separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Primary Care Incentive**  
23 **Fund shall be credited to the fund. The fund consists of moneys appropriated to the fund by**  
24 **the Legislative Assembly and gifts, grants or other moneys contributed to the fund by any**  
25 **source, whether public or private. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the**  
26 **Oregon Health Authority to carry out sections 1 to 3 of this 2025 Act.**

27 **“SECTION 5. (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in collaboration with the Department of**  
28 **Consumer and Business Services, shall develop and implement a centralized online portal for**  
29 **reporting data on health outcome and quality measures. The portal shall:**

30 **“(a) Ensure that both health care providers and third-party payers have access to shared**  
31 **data.**

32 **“(b) Provide a standardized format for data submission.**

33 **“(c) Offer real-time feedback and performance tracking.**

34 **“(d) Have the capacity to communicate and exchange data with existing electronic health**  
35 **record systems for automated data extraction.**

36 **“(2) The authority and the department shall ensure that the portal includes adequate**  
37 **safeguards for protecting the confidentiality of protected health information, as defined in**  
38 **ORS 192.556.**

39 **“(3) A coordinated care organization, as defined in ORS 414.025, or a health insurer, as**  
40 **defined in ORS 746.600, may not require a provider to report health outcome and quality**  
41 **measure data through any means other than the portal developed under this section.**

42 **“SECTION 6. (1) The Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Consumer and**  
43 **Business Services shall convene a task force for the purpose of assisting in the development**  
44 **and implementation of the centralized online portal for reporting data on health outcome and**  
45 **quality measures, as provided under section 5 of this 2025 Act.**

1       “(2) The task force shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor as follows:  
2       “(a) One representative of the Oregon Health Authority.  
3       “(b) One representative of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.  
4       “(c) One representative of a health insurer.  
5       “(d) One representative of a coordinated care organization, as defined in ORS 414.025.  
6       “(e) One representative of a federally qualified health center.  
7       “(f) Two licensed health care providers who provide primary care.  
8       “(g) One licensed health care provider who owns and operates a medical practice.  
9       “(h) One member who is an expert in health information technology and data security.  
10      “(3) The task force shall:  
11      “(a) Conduct a needs assessment to identify technical and operational requirements for  
12 the portal, including functionality, usability and interoperability;  
13      “(b) Evaluate options for contracting with third parties to assist with the creation or  
14 operation of the portal;  
15      “(c) Develop recommendations for integrating data reporting on health outcome and  
16 quality metrics into existing health care information technology systems;  
17      “(d) Engage and incorporate input from stakeholders, including health care providers and  
18 third-party payers, through public meetings, surveys and focus groups; and  
19      “(e) Develop a transition plan, in collaboration with the authority and the department,  
20 for phased implementation of the portal.  
21      “(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the trans-  
22 action of business.  
23      “(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members  
24 of the task force.  
25      “(6) The Governor shall select one member of the task force to serve as chairperson and  
26 another to serve as vice chairperson, for the terms and with the duties and powers necessary  
27 for the performance of the functions of the offices as the Governor determines.  
28      “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-  
29 come immediately effective.  
30      “(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
31 or of a majority of the members of the task force.  
32      “(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.  
33      “(10) No later than December 31, 2026, the task force shall submit a report in the manner  
34 provided in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim  
35 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health.  
36      “(11) The authority and the department shall provide staff support to the task force.  
37      “(12) Members of the task force serve as volunteers on the task force and, unless they  
38 are qualified members, as defined in ORS 292.495, are not entitled to compensation or re-  
39 imbursement for expenses.  
40      “(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
41 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted  
42 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task  
43 force consider necessary to perform their duties.  
44      “SECTION 7. (1) No later than December 31, 2026, the Oregon Health Authority and the  
45 Department of Consumer and Business Services shall report to the interim committees of

1 the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, on the  
2 progress of the authority and the department in carrying out the provisions of section 5 of  
3 this 2025 Act.

4 “(2) The centralized online portal for reporting data on health outcome and quality  
5 measures developed under section 5 of this 2025 Act may not become operational before the  
6 task force convened under section 6 of this 2025 Act has completed the transition plan for  
7 phased implementation of the portal, as described in section 6 of this 2025 Act.

8 “SECTION 8. (1) The Oregon Health Authority shall study:

9 “(a) The factors that contributed to the suspension of the authority’s program for es-  
10 tablishing a centralized system for health care practitioner credentialing information;

11 “(b) The extent to which the factors described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may  
12 be mitigated by changes to the program structure;

13 “(c) Market research on information technology solutions for health care practitioner  
14 credentialing information, including how those solutions have changed since the suspension  
15 of the program described in paragraph (a) of this subsection and ways in which those sol-  
16 utions could potentially be optimized;

17 “(d) Whether current delays and administrative burdens associated with credentialing  
18 health care practitioners could be meaningfully addressed by solutions other than informa-  
19 tion technology solutions; and

20 “(e) Whether the authority is the appropriate agency for establishing a centralized sys-  
21 tem for health care practitioner credentialing information.

22 “(2) No later than September 15, 2026, the authority shall report its findings and recom-  
23 mendations to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the  
24 manner provided in ORS 192.245.

25 “SECTION 9. Sections 6 to 8 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2027.

26 “SECTION 10. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025  
27 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.