

HB 3650 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/11, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Latino Health System Task Force to develop proposals for a Latino Health System that meets specified goals.

Detailed Summary:

- Defines "Latino Health System."
- Establishes 19 member Latino Health System Task Force and specifies membership.
- Requires Task Force to develop proposals for a Latino Health System that will be open to medical assistance recipients, use Spanish as the primary language, and address the cultural health care values of Latino patients.
- Requires Task Force to submit report with recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by December 15, 2016.
- Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of cultural and linguistic understanding in the health care setting.
- Recent successful investments in Oregon's Latino community.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

- Clarifies scope of required recommendations related to translation services.
- Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

-1 **FISCAL:** *Fiscal impact issued*

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

BACKGROUND:

According to the United States Census, Hispanic or Latino individuals comprised 13.9 percent of Oregon's population in 2020. This was an increase of 30.8 percent from the 2010 Census. According to the Oregon Health Authority, individuals identifying primarily as Hispanic or Latino represent almost a quarter of Oregon Health Plan (OHP) membership (22.9 percent). Of the state's over 1.4 million OHP enrollees, Spanish is the only language spoken in 13.7 percent of households (over 180,000).

According to the [Pew Research Center](#), Hispanic Americans are less likely than other Americans to have insurance and have recently seen a primary care provider. This research also found that slightly over a third of Hispanic Americans prefer to see a Spanish-speaking health care provider.

House Bill 3650 establishes the Latino Health System Task Force to develop proposals for a Latino Health System that meets specified goals.