

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Clem, Conger, Harker, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Thompson, Weidner, Greenlick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/5, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Traditional Health Workers Commission within Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Requires OHA Director appoint members of commission. Replaces references to “community” workers with “traditional.” Requires director ensure board membership represents geographic, ethnic, gender, racial, disability status, gender identity, sexual orientation and economic diversity of traditional health workers. Requires OHA adopt rules for criteria and education requirements, appropriate professional designations and processes for approval of classifications for coordinated care organizations to use with respect to traditional health workers.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of traditional health workers in health care delivery

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces references to “community” workers with “traditional.” Requires director ensure board membership represents geographic, ethnic, gender, racial, disability status, gender identity, sexual orientation and economic diversity of traditional health workers. Requires OHA adopt rules for criteria and education requirements, appropriate professional designations and processes for approval of classifications for coordinated care organizations to use with respect to traditional health workers.

BACKGROUND: In 2012, Senate Bill 1580 was enacted, which approves the Oregon Health Authority’s coordinated care organization (CCO) proposal. CCOs are local health entities that deliver health coverage to Oregon’s Medicaid recipients, and are designed to more efficiently and effectively deliver health care by coordinating mental, physical and dental care.

House Bill 3407-A creates the Traditional Health Workers Commission and tasks it with creating rules to define criteria and education for health care workers not licensed by the state. Traditional health workers include community health workers, personal health navigators, peer wellness specialists and doulas. The purpose of the rules is to create standards for otherwise unregulated health practices which CCOs can use as they build networks to serve Oregon’s Medicaid population.

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