

HB 2986 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines key terms: authentic community engagement, community-led, cross-sector, and health equity. Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish formal partnerships with regional health equity coalitions (RHECs). Requires coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to form a partnership with a RHEC to address health disparities and promote health equity; specifies partnership criteria for OHA, CCOs, and RHECs. Specifies requirements by which OHA and CCOs are to award grants to RHECs and defines conditions a RHEC must meet to be eligible for grant funding. Appropriates \$380,000 out of the General Fund. Declares emergency, takes effect July 1, 2019.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Partnerships between coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and regional health equity coalitions (RHECs).
- Funding and support for RHECs to address social determinants of health
- Relationship between CCOs, RHECs, and alignment among community health improvement plans

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Defines base funding, community-led, cross-sector, health equity, infrastructure support, and meaningful community engagement. Requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to partner with regional health equity coalitions (RHECs, when practicable. Specifies activities to be supported by RHECs. Directs OHA and CCOs to fund RHECs. Specifies funding eligibility requirements for RHECs. Directs OHA to establish formal partnerships with RHECs to address health equity for communities of color and other marginalized group. Directs CCOs that do have a RHEC in their region to seek out local culturally specific community-based organizations or provide funding opportunities to create new coalitions. Establishes a RHEC fidelity committee to oversee the coalitions. Specifies duties of fidelity committee.

REVENUE: Revenue impact statement issued: further analysis required.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) currently funds six regional health equity coalitions (RHECs) that serve 11 counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. OHA reports that RHECs are regional, community-driven organizations that work to address local health disparities, which initially received funding in 2011. The coalitions work in their communities to address issues related to health care, education, housing, employment, and transportation, among others. Overtime, the coalitions work to increase community engagement, develop organizational capacity, and support policies that address health equity issues, both at the local and state level for vulnerable and marginalized populations.

House Bill 2986 establishes formal partnerships between OHA, CCOs, and regional health equity coalitions.