

PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION

2021

HB 5024: To protect all people in Oregon

"Every resident of the state is entitled to the basic public health services that are necessary to preserve life and health." ORS 431.001

Oregon's local public health system must lead the work of providing essential public health services, pursuing health equity, and eliminating racial disparities. Investing in **Public Health Modernization** will help realize this vision.

Proposed phases for foundational programs



Oregon has been working to implement the Modernization Framework since 2015. The investments from 2017 and 2019 went towards **communicable disease control programs** and towards developing **health equity** and **epidemiology** capabilities. With the requested 2021 investment, Oregon plans to continue this work while also tackling **environmental health threats** and building **emergency preparedness and response** capabilities, as outlined above in Phase 1.

Additional work includes:

- Tracking, investigating, and mitigating communicable diseases and other public health threats
- Centering health equity and cultural responsiveness in emergency response work
- Analyzing data to understand public health trends and to inform decision-making
- Informing the public about health problems in the community and how to stay safe
- Mobilizing community partners to collaborate on local public health challenges
- Reducing unhealthy environmental health exposures
- Developing and expanding the public health workforce to meet community needs

2021 Legislative Request

The Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials requests your support of a **\$68,875,348 investment for the 2021-23 biennium from HB 5024** to support LPHAs, the OHA Public Health Division, Tribal Health Authorities, and Community Based Organizations in implementing the Public Health Modernization Framework. This investment will build critical capacity across Oregon to address health disparities and improve the public's health.



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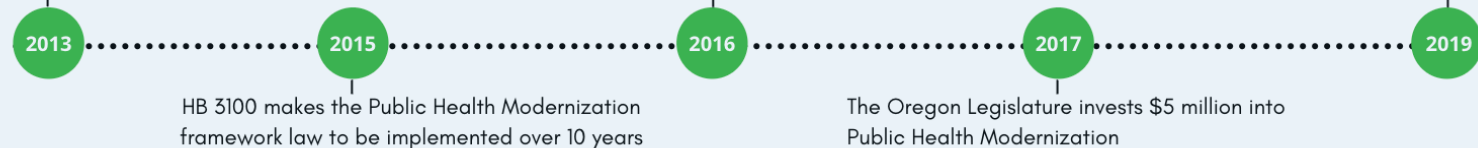
Background:

Public Health Modernization means everyone in Oregon can expect basic public protections that are critical to their health and the health of future generations. The first steps toward public health modernization began in 2013, and progress towards these goals continues today.

Task Force on the Future of Public Health is created to assess Oregon's public health system

Initial assessments find that **an investment of \$210 million each biennium is needed** to fully implement the Public Health Modernization framework

The Oregon Legislature invests \$15 million into state, local, and tribal public health authorities.



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