

Memorandum

To: Local Public Health Administrators and Environmental Health Supervisors

From: André Ourso, Administrator, Center for Health Protection

Date: April 11, 2025

Subject: Final Food, Pool and Lodging Remittance for 7/1/25 - 6/30/26

The Environmental Health Intergovernmental Agreement (EH-IGA) between the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Local Public Health Authorities (LPHA) requires OHA to provide a preliminary remittance factor for the Food, Pool and Tourist Facility Programs in September, and a final remittance factor in April of each year. The timing of the preliminary remittance factor is designed to allow LPHAs the time necessary to adjust licensing fees in their jurisdictions to cover the costs of supporting the statewide programs as well as their individual licensing and inspection programs. The final remittance factor released in April is required in Oregon Administrative Rule.

Overview

OHA changed the Foodborne Illness Prevention Program (FIPP) remittance for the two fiscal years between July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 (FY26 and FY27). The change to the FIPP is an increase in the food remittance factor from 13.42% to 15.24% (see Tables 1-3 for a breakdown of program costs and the calculation of this remittance factor). This is due to annual step increases for staff and SEIU contract negotiations resulting in a 6.55% COLA in early 2025.

The Public Pool Program remittance will remain at \$90 dollars per license issued. The program has hired a second staff member and has successfully completed the largest rule update in two decades with the help of this additional FTE. The additional program staff supports the pool program with 75% of their time and the tourist program with the remaining 25%.

The remittance to support the Tourist Facility Program will remain the same as it has been for the past few biennia at fifteen percent (15%) of the state licensing fee or the county licensing fee, whichever is less. However, OHA will be seeking an increase to the tourist facility licensing fees through a statutory amendment at some time in the future. Remittance revenues do not cover the 0.25 FTE needed to perform required work. Due to salary savings from vacancies, OHA has funding available to cover staff time through the biennium but will need the fee increase subsequently to pay for the program.

Foodborne Illness Prevention Program Remittance Calculation

OHA determines the FIPP remittance amount by first projecting the estimated FIPP budget, and then projecting annual statewide food service license revenue using statutory licensing fees (OHA does not calculate revenues based on the actual restaurant license fees charged by LPHAs, which are generally higher than the fees set in statute). OHA then divides the estimated FIPP budget by the revenue projection to yield a percentage. OHA then multiplies each LPHA's revenue projection for food services (calculated using the licensing fees in statute) by that percentage to yield the remittance amount for each county or health district. OHA used licensing data from 2025 for this calculation.

Table 1. Calculation of the July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 FIPP remittance factor

Foodborne Illness Prevention Program Calculation		Remittance Factor
Total annual cost estimate to implement FIPP		\$1,361,560
Total annual statewide revenue projection		\$8,932,480
Remittance Factor (\$1,361,560 divided by \$8,932,480)		15.24%

Table 2. Annual budget projection of FIPP costs

Foodborne Illness Prevention Program Annual Program Costs	
Salary	\$581,125
Fringe	\$317,875
Travel	\$17,500
Supplies	\$48,500
HealthSpace	\$163,800
Other Direct Charges	\$59,076
Indirect Charges	\$173,683
Total	\$1,361,560

Table 3. Breakdown of annual FIPP remittance amounts by LPHA

LPHA	ANNUAL Remittance for 2025- 2027 biennium	LPHA	ANNUAL Remittance for 2025- 2027 biennium	LPHA	ANNUAL Remittance for 2025- 2027 biennium
Baker	\$5,904	Harney	\$3,137	Morrow	\$3,417
Benton	\$27,032	Hood River	\$12,549	Multnomah	\$354,789
Clackamas	\$99,458	Jackson	\$66,414	North Central	\$10,972
Clatsop	\$29,992	Jefferson	\$5,582	Polk	\$17,485
Columbia	\$11,283	Josephine	\$23,921	Tillamook	\$12,427
Coos	\$21,941	Klamath	\$22,190	Umatilla	\$21,178
Crook	\$5,987	Lake	\$3,026	Union	\$8,015
Curry	NA	Lane	\$115,266	Wallowa	NA
Deschutes	\$80,102	Lincoln	\$27,352	Washington	\$162,183
Douglas	\$30,139	Linn	\$30,479	Wheeler	\$628
Gilliam	\$847	Malheur	\$10,695	Yamhill	\$29,078
Grant	\$3,274	Marion	\$99,657		

Table 4. Annual budget projection for the Public Pool Program (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

Public Pool Program Annual Program Costs	
Salary	\$188,591
Fringe	\$103,160
Travel	\$1,500
Supplies	\$13,000
Other Direct Charges	\$19,619
Indirect Charges	\$55,268
Total	\$381,137

Table 5. Annual budget projection for the Tourist Facility Program (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

Tourist Program Annual Program Costs	
Salary	\$64,569
Fringe	\$35,319
Travel	\$1,800
Supplies	\$2,000
Other Direct Charges	\$7,046
Indirect Charges	\$18,780
Total	\$129,514