

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB1831</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>OSDH: Minimal</b>

**Research Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute for HB 1831 rewords a section that requires an applicant for the community health worker certification to provide evidence to the Department of their work experience as a community health worker, demonstrating at least 1,000 practical hours a recommendation from a supervising provider.

HB 1831 creates the "Oklahoma Community Health Workers Act," which requires the State Department of Health to establish a voluntary certificate for community health workers. The State Commissioner of Health will promulgate rules to address this certification. The Commissioner will prescribe fees for the examination, initial certification, and certification renewal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The proposed oversight committee substitute to HB 1831 creates the Oklahoma Community Health Workers Act, directing the State Department of Health (OSDH) to administer and enforce the requirements of the Act. OSDH may promulgate rules to establish partnerships with faith-based organizations to enhance community health outreach and service delivery.

OSDH officials confirmed the requirements of the measure will have a minimal impact on the Department and are feasible within existing budgetary resources. Therefore, HB 1831 is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.