

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1831
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Impact:	OSDH: Minimal

Research Analysis

The policy committee recommendation for HB 1831 adds a definition of core competencies to the measure. The polrec outlines who is eligible to apply for community health worker certification. The polrec removes the section that allows for reciprocity agreements with certain organizations and allows the Commissioner to promulgate rules to establish partnerships with faith-based organizations to enhance community health outreach and service delivery.

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 policy recommendation to HB 1831 creates the Oklahoma Community Health Workers Act and directs 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 feasible within current 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.