

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 3798</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Introduced</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>9016</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

House Bill 3798, as introduced, establishes the "Oklahoma Community Health Worker Act." The measure requires the State Department of Health to create and issue a voluntary certification for community health workers (CHWs). CHWs are authorized to act as liaisons between health and social services and the community to facilitate access to services, enhance service delivery quality, identify resource gaps, and build community and individual capacity through various activities. The State Commissioner of Health will establish standards, examination requirements, and certification criteria.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 3798 creates the Oklahoma Community Health Worker Act, which establishes a voluntary certification issued by the State Department of Health (OSDH) for frontline public health workers to improve health care resources within that individuals community. This measure directs the State Commissioner of Health to develop rules for administration and enforcement of the Oklahoma Health Worker Act.

Officials from OSDH confirmed this measure will not create a negative fiscal impact on the agency. There are no further considerations to the state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.