

**2009 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 2506                      **STATUS:** Original  
**SUBJECT:** Requires a health plan to cover professional counselors and marriage and family counselors if the existing coverage includes services by a clinical social worker or nurse practitioner.  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Department of Consumer and Business Services (OMIP), Department of Administrative Services (PEBB, Oregon Educators Benefit Board).  
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b> See Comments		

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2020

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:** This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**COMMENTS:** HB 2506 requires a health plan to cover professional counselors and marriage and family counselors if the existing coverage includes services by a clinical social worker or nurse practitioner.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) notes that the requirements of the bill could affect the insurance coverage, and could affect the insurance premium costs, for insurance offered through the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB). This could require an increase in expenditures out of the Oregon Educators Revolving Fund. DAS is unable to quantify the effect of this bill on insurance costs.

HB 2506 could also have an effect on Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) Insurance Division workload, and insurance coverage through the Oregon Medical Insurance Pool (OMIP) program. The effect is expected to be minimal.