

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2666

STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Creates in the Department of Human Services the work group on maternal mental health disorders

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Human Services

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
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EFFECTIVE DATE: On Passage

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.

ANALYSIS: This measure creates in the Department of Human Services (DHS) a work group on maternal mental health disorders. The bill defines maternal as the period of time encompassing pregnancy through one year after delivery. The work group is charged with identifying vulnerable populations, risk factors and preventive measures. The work group is required to submit findings and recommendations for legislation, changes in rules, standards, policies and funding to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2010. Members of the work group are not entitled to compensation or expenses.

The Department of Human Services states that passage of this bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department. Currently, DHS has an Operation and Policy Analyst 3 position in the Office of Family Health that provides public health policy planning and evaluation expertise for the development and implementation of statewide initiatives to improve the health of pregnant women, infants, children and families. This position is involved in efforts on maternal mental health issues during and after pregnancy. If this bill passes, DHS anticipates supporting the work group to coordinate efforts and leverage existing resources that state and county public health has already committed to this area of maternal and child health.