

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

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 14 **STATUS:** Original
SUBJECT: Repeals sunset on Oregon Patient Safety Commission
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Patient Safety Commission (OPSC)
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EXPENDITURES:

See Comments

2009-2011

2011-2013

POSITIONS / FTE:

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EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

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.

ANALYSIS:

This measure repeals Section 16, Chapter 686, Oregon Laws 2003 requiring the January 2, 2010 discontinuation (sunset) of the Patient Safety Reporting Program.

Chapter 686, Oregon Laws 2003 created the Oregon Patient Safety Commission, a semi-independent state agency with a 17-member Board of Directors, including the Public Health Officer, and 16 members appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation. The mission of OPSC is to “to improve patient safety by reducing the risk of serious adverse events occurring in Oregon's health care system and by encouraging a culture of patient safety.” To accomplish this goal, the commission maintains a confidential, voluntary serious adverse event reporting system in Oregon; establishes quality improvement techniques to reduce system errors; and shares evidence-based prevention practices to improve patient outcomes.

As a semi-independent agency subject to ORS 182.456 to 182.472, the commission does not receive direct funding (limitation or appropriation) from the state. The commission has a funding account subject to ORS 182.470, and the commission’s board adopts budgets on a biennial basis using classifications of expenditures and revenues required by ORS 291.206, but the commission’s budget is not subject to review and approval by the Legislative Assembly or to future modification by the Emergency Board or the Legislative Assembly. The commission main revenue source derives from assessing fees on participating entities (hospitals, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, ambulatory surgical centers, outpatient renal dialysis facilities and freestanding birthing centers). In addition, the commission has the authority to apply for grants and foundation support and may compete for contracts consistent with the mission and goals of the commission.

Note:

SB 23 amends Chapter 686, Oregon Laws 2003 to establish Oregon Patient Safety Commission as the central agency in Oregon responsible for the collection of data and analyses produced by patient safety organizations; require OPSC to submit to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services a biennial request for General Fund appropriation; authorize the Department of Revenue to assist OPSC in the collection of any delinquent fees; and repeal sunset on Oregon Patient Safety Reporting Program.

SB 15 appropriates moneys from General Fund, in addition to and not in lieu of, any other appropriation, to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, for the Oregon Patient Safety Commission.