

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

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 161 **STATUS:** Original
SUBJECT: Authorizes the Department of Human Services to license hospice programs
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Human Services
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DATE: February 24, 2009

	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Other Fund – Personal Services	\$39,769	\$106,525
Other Fund – Services and Supplies	19,150	22,855
TOTAL Other Fund	\$58,919	\$129,380

	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
REVENUES:		
Other Fund	\$109,500	\$109,500

POSITIONS / FTE:		
Client Care Surveyor (Salary Range 28)	1/0.28	1/0.75

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

GOVERNOR’S BUDGET: This bill is 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: Becoming operative on January 1, 2010, this bill (1) modifies the certification and accreditation of hospice programs in Oregon, by establishing the authority of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to license all hospice programs in the state; (2) authorizes DHS to adopt rules regarding requirements, qualifications and fees for licensure; (3) requires DHS to conduct inspections at least once every 3 years; and (4) allows DHS to impose civil penalty of \$1,000 per day up to \$10,000 in any 30-day period for violation of terms or conditions of licensure. DHS may take action before the operative date.

This bill is part of the 2009-11 Governor’s Recommended Budget as Policy Option Package #326. Currently, there are 73 hospice programs in Oregon. DHS is proposing a \$750 annual licensing fee, generating \$109,500 in Other Funds revenue per biennium to carry out the provisions of this bill. DHS does not expect revenue from civil penalty.

To implement this program, DHS anticipates creating one permanent ¾ part-time Client Care Surveyor position (0.28 FTE for 2009-11) to administer the licensing program including performing inspections and investigating complaints. Services and Supplies costs for 2009-11 include one-time costs of computer and other start-up office equipment. Services and Supplies recurring costs include in-state travel reimbursement, facilities rent, employee training and telecommunications expenses.