

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
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MEASURE NUMBER: SB 670

STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Adds professions to list of public or private officials required to report abuse of elderly person or child. Exempts privileged communications to psychiatrist or psychologist from mandatory reporting requirement.

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Human Services

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Services and Supplies (Brochure Printing) – General Fund	\$ 2,881	

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

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 adds physician assistant, nurse practitioner, psychologist, audiologist, speech language pathologist, physical/speech/occupational therapist, provider of adult foster care and employee of the provider to the list of professions required to report abuse of elderly persons. This measure exempts privileged communications to psychiatrist or psychologist from mandatory abuse reporting. The bill adds osteopathic physician, physician assistant, naturopathic physician, podiatric physician, surgeon, nurse practitioner, nurse's aide, home health aide, employee of an in-home health service, physical therapist and occupational therapist to the list of professions required to report abuse of a child.

The Department of Human Services reports that passage of this bill would have a \$2,881 General Fund fiscal impact on the Seniors and People with Disabilities Division which produces an elder abuse mandatory reporter brochure. With passage of this bill, this brochure will need to be updated with the additional professionals who will be required to report abuse. The cost of printing 40,000 brochures (the number printed in November 2005) is \$2,881. The Children, Adults and Families Division anticipates that the update of additional professionals who will be required to report abuse will be included as part of other planned brochure updates, therefore no extra costs will be incurred by the division.