

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2053 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires preparation of minority racial and ethnic impact statement by Department of Human Services when legislation may affect minority racial and ethnic population receiving services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

See Analysis

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:

House Bill 2053 instructs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to:

1. Prepare a minority racial and ethnic impact statement for any legislation that may, if enacted, affect the minority racial and ethnic population receiving such services. The bill specifies the contents of this report.
2. Report on data regarding race or ethnicity of the children receiving child welfare services, including a comparison, by percentage, of the race or ethnicity of the children served to the race or ethnicity of children in the general population of the state. This information is to be included in the child welfare report currently delivered on or before November 1 of each even-numbered year.
3. Purchase culturally specific services from contractors in order to provide services that reflect the racial or ethnic population of the children served by the contractor. .

Passage of this bill will have a budgetary impact on DHS. If this bill passes, DHS anticipates establishing two new positions (one Operations and Policy Analyst 3, and one Administrative Office Specialist) to collaborate with communities of color across the state to carry out the provisions of the bill outlined above. Personal Services and associated Services and Supplies cost for these positions is estimated at \$291,841 Total Funds (\$195,817 General Fund; \$96,024 Federal Funds; 1.76 FTE) for the 2011-13 biennium, and \$311,353 Total Funds (\$208,928 General Fund; \$102,425 Federal Funds; 2.00 FTE) for the 2013-15 biennium.

Note that the Governor's budget includes \$1 million General Fund and \$315,039 Federal Funds for child welfare investments in equity resources, and the agency has indicated that funding, if included in the legislatively adopted budget, could be used to support the work needed to implement this bill.

This bill requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund resources and position establishment.

This bill is similar to HB 3086.