FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to provide training and informational materials concerning maternal mental health to health care providers serving pregnant, postpartum and post-pregnancy loss patients.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure 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:

HB 2235 establishes the Maternal Mental Health Patient and Provider Education Program in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to identify and address maternal mental health disorders. The bill requires OHA to develop informational materials for health care providers who serve pregnant and postpartum patient. OHA is required to post this information to the authority's website to educate the public about maternal mental health disorders. OHA is authorized to apply for any appropriate federal funding, and to solicit gifts, grants and donations to carry out the provisions of this bill. The bill stipulates that OHA is only obligated carry out the provisions of this bill when the authority receives appropriate funding to do so, and requires OHA to report on the status of funding requests to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

Passage of this bill will have minimal fiscal impact on OHA. The authority anticipates using existing staff and resources to produce, and post on its website, informational materials to educate the public about maternal mental health disorders.

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