

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2401 - A**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Directs Area Health Education Center program to create family medicine residency network.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU)

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:

The measure encourages the Area Health Education Center program within the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) to create a family medicine residency network. The network is designed to increase the number of family residency positions, support hospital systems in developing family residency programs, and help those programs through standardized curriculum, training, and other support. The program may accept gifts, grants or contributions from any public or private source for the purpose of the measure.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The measure identifies several possible sources, but the amount of actual available funds is unknown. Without specified funds, OHSU anticipates facilitating communication between existing and prospective residency programs within available budgeted resources.

Although the bill permits, rather than obligates, OHSU to create a family medicine residency network, once funding for the program has been identified, OHSU estimates the need for two full-time positions, a Senior-Level Family Physician and a Program Administrator to design, implement and maintain the family medicine residency program. OHSU assumes additional costs would include seminars and conferences, curriculum development, evaluation and monitoring. OHSU estimates the total costs to implement the program to be approximately \$850,000. OHSU states that the family medicine residency network will only be developed through non-state funding sources, such as private grants or hospital partnerships.

OHSU assumes that if hospitals choose to develop a family residency program, any technical assistance provided by OHSU to assist with the program development would be funded through individual contracts with the hospital and not through state funding sources.