

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3311 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to explore ways to improve birth outcomes for women who face a disproportionately greater risk of poor birth outcomes, and to report to legislative committees in February 2012.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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 3311 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), including the Office of Multicultural Health and Services, to: [1] explore options for providing or utilizing doulas and other community health workers in the state medical assistance program to improve birth outcomes for women who face a disproportionately greater risk of poor birth outcomes; and [2] report findings and options to appropriate legislative committees in February 2012.

This bill is anticipated to have no fiscal impact to OHA. The authority reports that the provisions of this bill align with the agency current initiatives and efforts. The work required by this bill is similar to work that the Office of Family Health recently conducted for both the 2010 Title V Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment, and the 2011 Home Visiting Community Level Needs Assessment. The Office of Family Health, the Medical Assistance Program (MAP), and the Office of Multicultural Health and Services will use existing staff and resources to collaborate to explore and report on ways to improve birth outcomes for women who face a disproportionately greater risk of poor birth outcomes.