

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3523 - A

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Oregon Medical Board to issue certificates of prescriptive authority to certain licensed psychologists who meet specified requirements.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Board of Psychologist Examiners, Oregon Medical Board

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds	297,729	100,739
Total Funds	\$297,729	\$100,739
Positions	1	1
FTE	1.00	1.00

Summary of Revenue Impact:

	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds	14,070	22,830
Total Funds	\$14,070	\$22,830

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 authorizes the Oregon Medical Board (OMB) to issue certificates of prescriptive authority to licensed psychologists and establishes the Committee on Prescribing Psychologists (CPP) within the Oregon Medical Board for the purpose of making recommendations to the OMB and the Psychologist Examiners Board (PEB) regarding the prescription use and practice of prescribing psychologists. The measure also requires reporting on the use of prescriptive authority by the prescribing psychologists to PEB and the OMB, rule making, investigation of improper activities, and hearings of contested cases. No compensation for committee members is provided, but actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred are reimbursable.

The initial implementation of the measure will require the CPP to create a formulary for use by prescribing psychologists. The creation of the formulary and initial rule making is projected to require additional meeting time and possible frequency during the first six months. The OMB expects that there will be 20 applications each biennium for prescriptive authority by licensed psychologists based on estimates made by the PEB for a similar measure considered in the 2009 Legislative Session.

The two primary costs estimated for the OMB are due to the addition of a 1.0 FTE operations and policy analyst position and projected contested case costs. The additional FTE would be a limited duration position during the first biennium at a cost of \$174,620 Other Funds. The long-term need for this position would be re-evaluated after the initial implementation of the program. The OMB expects that there will be two contested cases each biennium at a cost of approximately \$37,683 Other Funds for each case that is comprised of legal fees, hearings officers, and professional testimony. The committee meetings,

information systems updates, and miscellaneous other expenses account for about 16.0 percent of the projected costs in the first biennium.

The OMB projects a revenue increase based on the collection of fees for the initial application and annual registration of prescribing psychologists. The proposed initial application fee is a one-time charge of \$375 for new applicants producing total revenue of \$7,500 and annual registration fees are estimated to produce \$6,570 in the 2011-13 biennium and \$15,330 in the 2013-15 biennium.