

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 224 - A**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session
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Date: 4/20/11**Measure Description:**

Modifies provisions relating to regulation of physician assistants. Requires that physician assistances enter into a practice agreement with a supervision physician that acknowledges that violation of laws or regulations governing the practice of medicine may subject the physician assistant and supervising physician or supervising physician organization to discipline.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Medical Board

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds	102,646	37,648
Total Funds	\$102,646	\$37,648
Positions	1	0
FTE	0.25	0.00

Summary of Revenue Impact:

	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds	26,750	740
Total Funds	\$26,750	\$740

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 modifications and additions to statute proposed by the measure will require the Oregon Medical Board to engage in rule making and information systems modifications and may increase the cost of complaint investigations and contested case hearing due to the tying-together of physician assistant practices and supervising physicians through practice agreements required by the bill.

The Oregon Medical Board (OMB) believes that the initial rule making, application approval, and operational updates will require the addition of a limited duration 0.25 FTE position during the first six months following the effective date of the bill at a cost of \$43,656. The modifications to the OMB's information technology systems, including the ability for supervising physicians on-line applications, is estimated to be \$20,000. Both of these costs are limited to the first biennium.

The remaining costs are due to ongoing expenditures for complaint investigations, contested case hearings, and committee member expenses. The increased costs of complaint investigations and contested cases are based on the historical annual number of complaints that were filed against physicians assistants that would, under the measure, be expanded to include the supervising physician.

The OMB intends to require a \$25, one time application fee for supervising physicians to offset a portion of the costs to implement the measure and process practice agreements. Since the application fee is a

one-time cost, the OMB expects the majority of the revenue that will be generated by the fee to be received in the first biennium.