

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 238 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct a thorough, line-by-line review of any rules adopted by the authority that relate to mental health and addiction treatment providers to determine if excessive requirements and redundancies can be eliminated and if the process for collecting patient data can be streamlined.

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:

Senate Bill 238 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct a thorough, line-by-line review of any rules adopted by the authority that relate to mental health and addiction treatment providers to determine if excessive requirements and redundancies can be eliminated and if the process for collecting patient data can be streamlined. The bill authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to appoint a work group to advise the authority in the review, development, adoption and amendment of these rules and forms. OHA is required to report to the 2012 regular session of the Legislative Assembly on the effectiveness of rules adopted or amended as a result of carrying out the provisions of this bill. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage. The measure sunsets on January 2, 2013.

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have no fiscal impact on OHA. The authority reports that the work require by this bill is aligned with its current strategies and efforts to review rules and operations to reduce duplicative, redundant or unduly burdensome reporting requirement imposed on providers and clients. The authority will use existing staff and resources to comply with the provisions of this bill.