FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Exempts from disqualification based on specified criminal offenses individuals who provide mental health treatment or services and individuals who provide substance use disorder treatment or services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Human Services (DHS)

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:

SB 524 exempts from disqualification, for employment consideration based on specified criminal offenses, individuals who provide mental health treatment or services and individuals who provide substance use disorder treatment or services. The bill also allows fitness determinations used during criminal background checks to be stored, at the request of the employee, to improve efficiency of background checks when an individual changes employers or worksites.

The bill has no fiscal impact for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) because it allows current practices to continue.

This bill is similar to HB 2460 A-Engrossed.