

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 563 - A**

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Measure Description:

Allows the Oregon Health Authority to include in the registry of emergency health care providers certain individuals who were previously licensed, certified or otherwise authorized to provide health care services in Oregon by a health professional regulatory board. Authorizes these individuals to provide health care services without license or certification during Governor-declared emergencies.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

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 563 allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to include in the registry of emergency health care providers certain individuals who were previously licensed, certified or otherwise authorized to provide health care services in Oregon by a health professional regulatory board. The bill authorizes these individuals to provide health care services without license or certification during Governor-declared emergencies.

Passage of this bill would have minimal fiscal impact on OHA. If this bill passes, OHA anticipates using existing federal funds awarded for the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals to include this group of volunteers in the registry.

Passage of this bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Administrative Services. Current law allows workers' compensation and coverage under Oregon Tort Claims Act for health care providers who volunteer to perform health care services without compensation. The inclusion of this group of health care providers could expand the state's exposure to claims. Note that typically, workers' compensation and tort costs are not eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding. If the bill results in an increase in workers' compensation payments or tort costs, future increases in General Fund risk management charges may be necessary to fund these costs.