

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 748 - A

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### Measure Description:

Requires person conducting child abuse investigation or making determination that child should be taken into protective custody and not returned to parent or responsible person to have advanced educational degree.

### Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon State Police (OSP)

### 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 748 requires persons conducting child abuse investigations or making determinations that a child should be taken into protective custody and not returned to parent or responsible person to have a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

#### Department of Human Services (DHS)

This bill is anticipated to have no fiscal impact on the Department of Human Services. The bill exempts persons who were employed or otherwise engaged by DHS for the purpose of conducting investigations or making determinations before the effective date of this 2011 Act, provided the person's employment or engagement for these purposes has been continuous and uninterrupted. DHS reports that current hiring requirements for employees who perform the duties described in this bill meet the educational requirements established by this bill.

#### Oregon State Police (OSP)

This bill is anticipated to have no fiscal impact on the Oregon State Police. The bill exempts sheriffs, constables, marshals, municipal police officers or members of the Oregon State Police and persons designated by law as a peace officer from the requirements of the bill.