

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 787 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires health benefit plan to provide coverage of telemedical health service provided in connection with treatment of diabetes that meets certain criteria if health service is otherwise covered by plan.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

**Indeterminate Fiscal Impact**

**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 787 requires that a health benefit plan must provide telemedical coverage in connection with the treatment of diabetes if the plan provides this coverage in person and the health service is medically necessary. The bill clarifies that the telemedical service must relate to a specific person and that one of the participants must be a representative of an academic health center.

The Oregon Health Authority anticipates an indeterminate fiscal impact. OHA notes that the provisions of this bill may increase the use of medical services. However, the cost of increased use may be offset by reduced in-person services and by better management of patients with chronic conditions.

DCBS anticipates a minimal fiscal impact from the workload associated with this bill.