

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 858 - A

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### Measure Description:

Requires insurers to reimburse independent nurse practitioners at same rate as physicians for same services.

### Government Unit(s) Affected:

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

### 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 858 requires insurers to reimburse independent nurse practitioners at the same rate as physicians for same services. The measure applies to all services provided by certified nurse practitioners under contracts entered into with in-network nurse practitioners and to services performed by out-of-network nurse practitioners and insurers on or after the effective date of the act. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

### Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) is anticipated to be minimal but indeterminate due to variable and unknown actuarial factors. The requirement that insurers reimburse nurse practitioners to the same extent that they reimburse physicians may result in increased medical costs for insurers, reduced reimbursement for physicians, or some combination of the two. OEBB's largest carrier estimates the range of impact to medical premiums at less than a 0.50 percent increase.

### Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on DCBS is anticipated to be minimal. The department anticipates using existing staff and resources to update the mandates list and interpret and answer questions about changes resulting from the bill.