

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 565 - A

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Measure Description:

Modifies authority of Oregon Health and Science University to establish police force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

Summary of 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:

The measure modifies the authority provided to the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to establish a police department and commission one or more employees as police officers and provides the police officers established by the measure with all the authority and immunity of a municipal police department of this state. The measure allows the university to enter into an agreement with a municipal corporation or any department, agency or political subdivision of this state for mutual aid by their respective police officers. The measure includes police officers of OHSU as a public safety officer for purposes of determining benefits under the Public Employees Retirement System. The measure is effective on passage with an operative date of January 1, 2014.

Currently, OHSU may commission university police officers, but they do not have the full statutory authority of municipal police officers, including the authorization to carry firearms. The measure would align OHSU's police officers with other municipal police officers. OHSU currently has 22 university police officers. OHSU assumes there will be costs to provide additional training, equipment, salary and benefits to their police officers but those costs would not come from state-supported programs.

There is no fiscal to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) as a result of this measure unless the bill results in a significant number of new officers requiring basic training. DPSST assumes that any OHSU officers would attend the standard 16-week Basic Police Course which is paid with Criminal Fines and Assessment (CFA) resources.