

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2612

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Measure Description:

Provides that postpartum mother and certain persons may remove placenta from health care facility in certain cases.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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:

House Bill 2612 allows the removal of a placenta, for personal use, from a health care facility by the postpartum partner, or the husband, or domestic partner of the postpartum mother if the postpartum mother tested negative for infectious disease, and signs a form stating that they have received educational information concerning the proper handling of placentas, and the spread of blood borne diseases from placentas. The bill directs to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to prescribed rules regarding the tests for infectious disease, and the forms regarding the receipt of educational information.

If the bill's intention is only that OHA is required to revise rules to include regulations regarding infectious disease testing, and the signing of the form regarding the receipt of educational information, OHA anticipates a minimal fiscal impact from the rulemaking work associated with passage of this bill.

However, note that the bill is silent on the entity responsible for the creation, production and dissemination of the waiver form and educational information, presumably to be printed in the mother's primary language. In addition, the bill does not stipulate enforcement guidelines and authority for this would be public health law. Nor does the bill specify the entity responsible for training practitioners, and for evaluating health care facility protocols. If the bill intends for OHA to assume any of these duties, the execution of these functions would result in a fiscal impact for the agency.