

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Repeals sunset on county multidisciplinary teams that develop and implement protocols and procedures for investigation and reporting of abuse of adults with disabilities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, District Attorneys, Department of Human Services, Department of Justice, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon State Police

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:

HB 2165 removes the January 2, 2015 sunset on requirements that the district attorney in each county develop multidisciplinary teams to develop a written protocol for immediate investigation of, and notification procedures for cases of abuse of adults, and for interviewing the victims. These multidisciplinary teams must include personnel from community mental health programs, developmental disabilities programs, the Department of Human Services or designees of the department, local area agencies on aging, district attorneys' offices, law enforcement and agencies that advocates on behalf of individuals with disabilities. Each team is required to develop written agreements signed by member agencies specifying the role of each agency. In addition, each team is required to have access to training in risk assessment, dynamics of abuse and legally sound interview and investigatory techniques. All investigations of abuse of adults by the Department of Human Services or its designee and by law enforcement must be carried out in a manner consistent with the protocols and procedures developed by these multidisciplinary teams. Each multidisciplinary team must submit an annual report with detailed statistics of allegations of abuse for the preceding calendar year months to the Department of Justice and the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, by no later than July 1 of each year.

The bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the district attorney in each county. District attorneys will need an indeterminate amount of resources for continuing their multidisciplinary teams and providing training as well as establishing and maintaining information tracking systems so they can meet the reporting requirements of the bill. Because the State generally only pays for the salaries of the 36 District Attorneys, it is assumed that county funding will have to cover these costs.

This bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on the Department of Human Services, Oregon State Police, Department of Justice and the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.