

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2712**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***

Prepared by: Kim To
Reviewed by: Laurie Byerly, Michelle Deister, Linda Ames, Monica Brown
Date: 2/26/2013

Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to establish advisory committee to assist department in developing recommendations for general assistance program to serve low-income, childless adults with disabilities and to report recommendations to Legislative Assembly.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), Housing and Community Services Department, Department of Corrections (DOC), 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 2712 requires the Department of Human Services to develop recommendations for a general assistance program to serve low-income, childless adults with disabilities. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage. Not later than 45 days after the effective date of the bill, DHS must establish an advisory committee to assist in the development of these recommendations. The committee must include representatives from the Housing and Community Services Department, the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, as well as advocates for homeless individuals, nonprofit civil legal aid organizations, and community-based organizations serving low-income, childless adults with disabilities. DHS must report its recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by no later than January 1, 2014. The bill provides that the recommendations may include the establishment of a pilot project to serve a subgroup of all low-income, childless adults with disabilities residing in Oregon (e.g. homeless individuals, veterans, low-income individuals born between 1955-1964, individuals receiving health care through coordinated care organizations, or inmates nearing release from correctional facilities and individuals subject to supervision by a local supervisory authority). In developing the recommendations, DHS must consider an analysis of how the lack of general assistance program in this state affects other programs administered by the DHS, the Housing and Community Services Department, and other state agencies. The bill sunsets on the convening of the 2014 legislative session.

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Human Services. If the bill passes, the agency anticipates forming a nine-member advisory committee. To support the work of the task force, DHS would establish two limited duration, part-time positions (0.58 FTE) for six months: One Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to lead the advisory committee and conduct research, and one Office Specialist 1 position to provide meeting coordination and administrative support. DHS calculates the Personal Services and related Services and Supplies expenditures to be \$111,866 General Fund. This estimate assumes that members of the advisory committee will receive reimbursement for expenses, and compensation of \$30 per day as required under ORS 292.495; and that the advisory committee will meet eight times between July 2013 and January 2014.

The Housing and Community Services Department, the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs anticipate using existing staff and resources in support of the work of the advisory committee.