

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3114

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Measure Description:

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

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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: This bill would allow Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) and community colleges to establish police departments, which would include allowing officers to carry firearms and classified as police and fire employees with respect to PERS benefits.

OHSU anticipates the change in PERS classification would increase OHSU's annual contribution by \$4,000 per year per officer. The total costs, including PERS, associated with arming and training 22 officers to be \$1.7 million in the 2013-15 biennium. OHSU does not anticipate using state funds to pay for the increase costs associated with this bill.

The fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is indeterminate since it is unknown how many additional training slots may be needed to meet increased demand due to the provisions of this bill. Typically, training for public safety officers is paid for through funds from the Criminal Fines Account (CFA) and any increase in demand may require increased training capacity which would need to come from the CFA. At this time, the possible increase in demand is unknown and may require the agency to return to the Legislative Assembly for increased limitation and/or position authority.

The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) anticipates the increased costs for a community college police officer would be \$201,300 per biennium. The language in the bill is permissive and it is unknown how many community colleges would take advantage of this ability to establish a police department on campus.