

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 281

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### **Measure Description:**

Adds post-traumatic stress disorder to definition of "debilitating medical condition" for purposes of statutes authorizing medical use of marijuana.

### **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

### **Local Government Mandate:**

This bill [may] [does not] affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

### **Analysis:**

Senate Bill 281 adds post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to definition of "debilitating medical condition" for purposes of statutes authorizing medical use of marijuana.

### Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact of this bill to the Oregon Health Authority is anticipated to be minimal. The bill will amend the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act which will require a change to administrative rules. OHA will use existing staff and resources to carry out this work. With PTSD added to the list of qualifying conditions, the bill may increase the number of applications received by the program. However, OHA's Public Health division anticipates this number of new applications to be small because most individuals who suffer from PTSD, and wish to apply for the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP), likely already qualify for the program based on one of the other qualifying conditions. Any additional applications would generate revenue through the existing Medical Marijuana fee structure, which would be adequate to fund related costs. The anticipated minimal number of new applications would not result in a request for additional revenue or expenditure limitation by Public Health division.

### Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

This fiscal is anticipated to have minimal impact on the Oregon Judicial Department. Expanding the definition of debilitating medical condition, could potentially result in a reduction in marijuana possession charges because some of those defendants will be eligible to register for use as medical marijuana. However, OJD does not expect a substantial increase or decrease in cases or court operations costs.