

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2445 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to use funds allocated by the Legislative Assembly for the expansion and continuation of school-based health centers.

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 2445 A-Engrossed requires the Public Health division of the Oregon Health Authority to:

- Develop and continuously refine an evidence-based system of care that meets the developmental needs of adolescents.
- Adopt by rule the procedures and criteria for certifying, suspending and decertifying school-based health centers (SBHCs).
- Convene work groups to recommend best practices for school-based health centers.
- Convene a work group to develop recommendations for the effective and coordinated use of SBHC for children who qualify for medical assistance. OHA is required to report on the progress of this work group to an interim committee by December 31, 2013. This work group sunsets on January 2, 2014.

The bill also expands the definition of school based health centers and requires OHA to use funds allocated by the Legislative Assembly for the expansion and continuation of school-based health centers.

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Oregon Health Authority is indeterminate. OHA will use existing staff and resources to convene work groups, adopt rules regarding SBHCs, and develop an evidence-based system of care that meets the developmental needs of adolescents.

However, the bill specifies that OHA is required to use funds allocated by the Legislative Assembly for the expansion and continuation of school-based health centers. Yet, the bill does not appropriate funds for this purpose. As a point of reference, OHA reports that expanding the number of school based health centers by 10 sites would have a fiscal impact of roughly \$1.7 million. Without knowing the amount of funds that will be dedicated toward expansion, OHA cannot estimate the fiscal impact.