

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4108 - 1

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to contract with community-based organizations to operate pilot project to provide used durable medical equipment to medical assistance recipients.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	\$50,000	
Total Funds	\$50,000	\$0
Positions	0	
FTE	0.00	

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 4108 appropriates \$50,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for the purpose of awarding contracts to one or more community organizations to test the feasibility and effectiveness of a network to provide used durable medical equipment to medical assistance recipients residing in Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion and Polk counties. The bill allows OHA to expand the pilot program. OHA must implement the pilot program by October 1, 2014. The bill set forth requirements for the pilot program, including a web-based, searchable, up-to-date inventory of the equipment available; and a strategy to facilitate the donation, inspection, refurbishing, and disbursement of safe and appropriate equipment. The bill directs OHA to collect the data necessary to assess the success of this pilot project, and to report to the Legislative Assembly by February 2, 2016. The bill takes effect on passage.

The – 1 amendment specifies that the pilot project does not supplant the durable medical equipment coverage provided by the medical assistance program, and includes other clarifying language. In addition, the – 1 amendment extends the bill's sunset date to April 20, 2018. The – 1 amendment does not change the bill's original fiscal impact determination.

The fiscal impact of this bill is \$50,000 General Fund. The Oregon Health Authority's Medical Assistance Program will use existing staff and resources to award contracts to community organizations operating the pilot project, monitor the project outcome, and report to the Legislative Assembly by February 2, 2016.