

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 1553**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Governor to appoint Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator in office of Long Term Care Ombudsman to provide public guardian and conservator services for persons without relatives or friends willing or able to serve as guardians or conservators.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Long Term Care Ombudsman, Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Department of Justice, Oregon State Police (OSP), counties

**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 fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 1553 appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Partnership Fund for the 2013-15 biennium to support work of the Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator (OPGC). The bill establishes an Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator position in the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman. The bill permits the OPGC to hire two additional staff. The OPGC is charged with (1) providing public guardian and conservator services for Oregonians who do not have relatives or friends willing or able to assume the duties of guardian or conservator, and who lack the financial resources to obtain private fiduciary services; (2) educating the public about public guardian and conservator services; (3) certifying deputy guardians and conservators; (4) developing model standards of conduct and practice for guardians and conservators; (5) developing and implementing a training program for deputy guardians and conservators; (6) recruiting, training and supervising volunteers; (7) establishing a process to determine eligibility of persons to receive public guardian and conservator services; (8) cooperating with county guardian and conservator offices; (9) working with existing programs to develop and expand guardian and conservatorship programs in Oregon; and (10) making recommendations to the legislature.

# Further Analysis Required

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Long Term Care Ombudsman, the Oregon Judicial Department, the Department of Justice, the Oregon State Police, and counties.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.