

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 698 - 2**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office**Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official**Prepared by: Kim To
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Date: 3/18/2015**Measure Description:**

Creates position of State School Nursing Consultant in Oregon Health Authority and specifies duties.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), Legislative Assembly

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)		
	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	311,661	311,661
Services and Supplies	83,245	83,245
Total OHA General Fund	\$394,906	\$394,906
Positions	3	3
FTE	2.00	2.00
Oregon Department of Education (ODE)		
	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund		
Services and Supplies	50,011	0
Total ODE General Fund	\$50,011	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00
Total General Fund	\$444,917	\$394,906
Positions	3	3
FTE	2.00	2.00

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:

Senate Bill 698 with the – 2 amendment creates a position of a State School Nursing Consultant in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to coordinate and collaborate with the Oregon Department of Education's (ODE) school nurse specialist in providing leadership and integration in the delivery of nursing services in schools. In addition, the bill establishes the 14-member Task Force on School Nursing charged with recommending standards of school nursing practices, and ways to create a coordinated school health services model and appropriate funding level. The task force is required to

submit a report to an interim Legislative committee by September 15, 2016. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The Oregon Health Authority is required to staff the task force with the Oregon Department of Education, and to create the position of a State School Nursing Consultant. The responsibilities of the Nursing Consultant position mandated by the bill include:

1. Coordinating school nursing program activities with public health, social services, environmental and educational agencies as well as other public and private entities;
2. Initiating and coordinating a quality assurance program that includes needs assessment, data collection and analysis;
3. Providing clinical consultation and technical support to school nurses and school nursing programs;
4. Monitoring, interpreting, synthesizing and disseminating information relevant to changes in health care, school nursing practices, laws and regulations and other legal issues that impact schools; and
5. Leading the integration of coordinated school health teams.

In addition to creating a Public Health Nurse 2 position (1.00 FTE) to serve as the State Nursing Consultant in the Adolescent and School Health Program within Public Health, OHA anticipates establishing two additional positions to support the Nursing Consultant in carrying out the duties outlined in the bill: [1] one half-time Research Analyst 3 position (0.50 FTE) to collect and analyze data related to the implementation and evaluation of the quality assurance program; and [2] one Administrative Specialist 1 position (0.50 FTE) to assist with the quality assurance program, and other school nursing program activities. This position can also help the Department of Education with staffing the task force. The Personal Services and related Services and Supplies cost for these three positions is estimated at \$394,906 General Fund and 2.00 FTE for the 2015-17 biennium.

ODE and OHA anticipate creating a Memo of Understanding (MOU) to delineate the two agencies' authority, roles and responsibilities in this collaboration.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

The Oregon Department of Education estimates the total impact of this bill as amended to be \$50,011 General Fund and this work does not qualify under federal funding. The bill requires ODE to reimburse non-legislative members of the task force for travel and expenses (which accounts for most of the Department's fiscal impact), and to staff the task force with the Oregon Health Authority. ODE anticipates assigning this work to an Education Specialist.

Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on TSPC. The – 2 amendment removes the requirement for TSPC certification for school nurses. The amendment specifies that this change does not invalidate TSPC school nurse certificates issued prior to the effective date of the bill. Currently, some school districts require TSPC certification, or increase compensation with TSPC certification. Approximately 20% of school nurses are TSPC certified. With this change, TSPC could potentially see a decrease in certification.

Legislative Assembly

Two of the fourteen task force members are legislators. Although the Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for per diem and mileage associated with legislators' participation in interim committee and task forces, if the cumulative enactment of other bills exceed expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2015-17 Legislative Assembly budget, additional General fund resource may be required.