

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 759 - A4

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Measure Description:

Requires public universities, community colleges and Oregon-based private universities and colleges to adopt written protocol for victims of sexual assault.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

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:

The proposed legislation has been determined to have no expenditure impact on state government.

Due to the passage of Senate Bill 270 (2013), universities with governing boards are not a unit of local or municipal government nor a state agency, board, commission or institution. Universities with governing boards are considered to be independent public bodies with statewide purposes and missions that utilize the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for shared client services.

The – A4 amendment potentially expands the scope of the bill by requiring colleges and universities to provide necessary services and assistance to victims even in cases where the victims are not students or employees of the institution. This expansion has an indeterminate, however potentially significant, fiscal impact on the universities and community colleges. Additionally, universities and community colleges are concerned with the jurisdiction implications of the –A4 amendment. Currently universities and community colleges have no jurisdiction over non-students; if the bill expands this jurisdiction then there are work load, resource, and liability implications which translate to additional costs that are not currently being incurred.