

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2415 - A

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Measure Description:

Permits the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) or the Department of Human Services (DHS) to request from financial institutions specified information regarding deposit accounts held by deceased persons who received public assistance subject to a claim for reimbursement by either agency.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Justice

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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 2415 allows the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to request from financial institutions specified information regarding deposit accounts held by deceased persons who received public assistance subject to a claim for reimbursement by either agency.

Department of Human Services (DHS) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact of this bill on DHS and OHA is indeterminate. The bill requires OHA and DHS to reimburse financial institutions for the cost of providing requested information. In addition, the bill allows DHA and OHA to file affidavits to recover monies held by deceased persons who received public assistance subject to a claim for reimbursement by either agency. At this time, OHA and DHS cannot determine how often they will need to request information from financial institutions, how often they will need to seek assistance from the Department of Justice to submit affidavits, or the amount of monies that can be recovered from these endeavors. OHA and DHS assume that the DOJ and financial institution fees will be mitigated by the increase in revenue expected from the recovery of funds.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

This bill is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on DOJ.