

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 100**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Business Development Department, in consultation with Department of Consumer and Business Services, to conduct study regarding state regulation of businesses and persons engaged in occupations.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Business Development Department (Business Oregon), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

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:

At this time, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that the ramifications of this measure are not fully understood by the affected state agencies, pending additional clarification regarding the scope of the study which is to be conducted by the Oregon Business Development Department, in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Therefore the fiscal impact cannot be determined.

The bill states that the “departments may narrow the focus of the study to target specific subjects that the departments deem to be of greatest relevance and significance”. This could necessitate additional FTE, IT services, and third-party expertise; as the scope of the research could foreseeably extend beyond the current capabilities and existing data collection that is presently accounted for in the OBDD and DCBS agency budgets.

OBDD reports needing additional funding if the intent is that the departments compile a list of occupations that require licensing, average wages associated, and to include a large sample of businesses to be surveyed. DCBS anticipates the need for additional funding for any work that is beyond general collaboration and data sharing of existing information between state agencies. LFO recommends that the bill be referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for further analysis of the costs of the study.