

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 900 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority to be responsible for posting to its website health care price data for inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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 900 requires the Oregon Health Authority to post to its website, at least annually, health care information to empower consumers to make economically sound and medically appropriate decisions. The bill specifies the information that must be posted on the website. The bill permits OHA to apply for donations, gifts and grants to pay the cost of posting this information. The bill specifies that the Oregon Health Authority's obligation to post this information to its website is limited to the funds collected from donation, gifts and grants. The bill is operative July 1, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

The Oregon Health Authority reports that to simply post the necessary information on the OHA website, the Authority would need to establish one Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position to develop methodology, collect feedback from stakeholders (e.g. insurers, and hospital representatives), develop and implement coding to extract information from Oregon's All Payer All Claims reporting program (APAC), validate hospital and clinic price information, perform annual data extraction, and maintain the website. OHA estimates the Personal Services and related Services & Supplies for this position to be \$238,276 and 1.00 FTE for the 2015-17 biennium; and \$137,575 and 0.50 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium. This estimate assumes that this information will simply be posted on the OHA website. A more consumer friendly, searchable, interactive website would require more resources.

This posting of information will be dependent on OHA's success in applying for donations, gifts and grants.