

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2934**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: 3/19/2015**Measure Description:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to submit blueprint for basic health plan to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by December 31, 2015.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	119,321	0
Services & Supplies	46,624	0
Total General Fund	\$165,945	\$0
Positions	3	0
FTE	0.64	0.00

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:

House Bill 2934 requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to prepare and submit a program blueprint, by December 31, 2015, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for certification of the federal Basic Health Plan (BHP), a health benefits coverage program that uses federal tax money to subsidize health coverage for individuals with family incomes between 133 and 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). Given the population served under BHP, the program would sit between Medicaid and the state's exchange. The purpose of a blueprint is to describe how Oregon would propose to implement the BHP if directed to do so. Immediately after receiving certification, OHA must notify the Legislature.

Passage of this measure is estimated to have a \$165,945 General Fund and 0.64 FTE impact on the Oregon Health Authority. The blueprint development will require extensive policy development regarding design choices. The blueprint template requires states to provide a large volume of information about a proposed BHP, including eligibility, enrollment, and disenrollment policies; methods for coordinating the BHP with other coverage programs; premiums, cost sharing, and benefit design; and health plan contracting process and requirements. OHA would also need to seek public comment prior to finalizing and submitting the blueprint.

To carry out this work OHA would establish three positions to work with existing staff to develop the blueprint: one Operations and Policy Analyst 4 to manage and oversee the public process to solicit input from stakeholders; one Research Analyst and one Actuary to provide research and decision support in the preparation, design and submission of the blueprint.