

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 774 - A

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Measure Description:

Creates task force to investigate expanding authority of Home Care Commission to provide services to home care workers.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Services and Supplies	\$1,500,000	\$0
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,500,000	\$0

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 774 appropriates \$1,500,000 to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the 2015-17 biennium and directs the Home Care Commission to:

- Adopt a statewide plan to increase participation in the home care registry, increase the number of home care workers, and to continue work to create a career ladder to help home care workers become more skilled.
- Conduct orientation sessions for home care workers.
- Implement a single online application for all home care workers to apply to the registry, and to assign a unique provider number to each home care worker. The bill requires DHS to report, beginning in 2015) to an interim legislative committee by December 1st each year on the status of implementing an online application and assigning unique provider numbers to home care workers.
- Convene a work group to investigate the feasibility and benefits of certifying home care workers, ways to remove barriers to entry in the workforce, strategies for creating a career ladder, training for home care workers, and ways to increase the number of home care workers on the registry. The bill requires DHS to report the finding of this work group to an interim legislative committee by September 16, 2015. The work group sunsets on January 2, 2016.

The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

The Department of Human Services expects to use the appropriation for: (1) workforce development which may include contracts with Workforce Investment Boards; (2) marketing and communications to attract the right talent, improve the worker onboarding process, and worker retention; (3) partnerships with community colleges; and (4) information technology work for online application and universal provider number. A more detailed breakdown of expenditures will be provided when the bill is considered, and budgetary action is taken for the appropriation of General Fund, in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.