

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 469 - A

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Measure Description:

Makes changes to laws governing hospital nursing staff, including laws setting forth composition of hospital nurse staffing committees and laws governing content of written hospital-wide staffing plans.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Employment Department

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:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting Senate Bill 469 from the Senate Committee on Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The bill requires each hospital to establish a hospital nurse staffing committee to develop a written hospital-wide staffing plan to ensure that the hospital is staffed to meet the health care needs of patients. In addition, the bill establishes the 12-member Nurse Staffing Advisory Board charged with advising the Oregon Health Authority regarding the administration of staffing plans.

The bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Sciences University*, the Employment Department, and the Oregon Health Authority. The amount of this impact is still being determined.

*Note that only a portion of OHSU agency's budget is subject to Executive Branch review, or approval or modification by the Legislative Assembly. State funding is provided to OHSU for specific functions such as medical and nursing schools, Office of Rural Health, and the Poison Control Center. It is anticipated that the costs relating to this bill would be to OHSU units not directly provided State funding.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required