

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2522 - A

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Measure Description:

Creates Islander Health Coverage Gap Assessment Office in Oregon Health Authority to promote access to health care for island citizens residing in United States under Compact of Free Association.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), 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:

House Bill 2522 requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to develop recommendations for the creation of a premium assistance program for low-income Compact of Free Association (COFA) islanders to enable them to purchase health benefit plans through the health insurance exchange. The bill directs DCBS to convene an advisory group to advise the department in developing these recommendations. DCBS is required to report its recommendations to the Legislature by no later than September 15, 2016.

The fiscal impact of this bill on DCBS is minimal. The Department will use existing staff and resources to carry out the provisions of this bill.