

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4013 - 1

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Measure Description:

Authorizes county governing body to establish multidisciplinary elderly or vulnerable person fatality review team to assist local organizations and agencies in identifying and reviewing fatalities involving abuse or neglect of elderly or vulnerable persons.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Long Term Care Ombudsman, Counties, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Human Services (DHS), District Attorneys and their Deputies, Judicial Department, Oregon State Police (OSP), Department of Justice

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 4013 with the -1 amendment creates the authority for a governing body of a county to establish multidisciplinary elderly or vulnerable person fatality review teams to assist local organizations and agencies in identifying and reviewing fatalities involving abuse and neglect. The bill also creates authority for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to form a statewide interdisciplinary team to meet at least twice a year to review elderly or vulnerable person fatality cases, identify abuse or neglect trends, make recommendations, and take actions involving statewide issues.

DOJ estimates the cost of forming and coordinating a statewide team to be in the range of \$21,500 to \$29,500 per biennium. This amount includes the cost of producing an annual report. The funding source was unidentified and therefore is assumed to be General Fund.

Of note, DOJ has also requested, through the budget process, \$676,971 General Fund for one permanent full-time Elder Abuse Resource Prosecutor and two permanent full-time Criminal Investigator positions to work with prosecutors, law enforcement, and community partners to improve the prosecution of crimes involving elder abuse.

The fiscal impact of this bill on participating entities to serve as team members (including the Long Term Care Ombudsman, the Oregon Health Authority, the Department of Human Services, the Judicial Department, the Oregon State Police, and district attorneys) is anticipated to be minimal.