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Measure: HB 4016 - A

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Measure Description:

Permits health licensing boards to contract to establish impaired health professional program for licensees of boards.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Medical Board, Board of Dentistry, Board of Nursing, Board of Pharmacy

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 4016 modifies statutes relating the Oregon Health Professional Services Program (a program that offers an alternative to formal discipline for licensees who have had significant workplace impairment as a result of behavioral health related conditions). The bill removes the Oregon Health Authority as the entity required to establish and administer this program, and permits health licensing boards to work together to coordinate the continuing administration of the program beginning the 2017-19 biennium. In addition, the bill establishes the Impaired Health Professional Program Work Group to facilitate this change, and to continue the administration of the program. The Oregon Medical Board is required to provide staffing and member reimbursement to the work group.

Since 2010, the Oregon Health Authority has administered this program through a contract with third party vendors. OHA receives funds covering the program's operations and administrative costs from four participating boards: the Oregon Medical Board, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon State Board of Nursing, and the Oregon Board of Dentistry. With passage of this bill, this program will cease operating in its current form, and OHA will cease receiving Other Funds transfer payments from these four boards. The estimated amount of funds transfer to OHA from the four boards for 2017-19 is \$2,803,617 Other Funds. Of that amount \$2,470,832 covers contracts with vendors for monitoring and audit functions, \$20,800 for attorney general fees. The remaining \$311,985 covers OHA administrative costs. By sharing existing board staff and resources to administer the program, the four boards anticipates a savings of \$311,985 Other Funds.

	2017-19 Projected Vendor Costs	2017-19 Projected Attorney General Costs	2017-19 Projected OHA Administrative Costs	2017-19 Total Funds Transfer to OHA
Medical Board	767,467	6,461	96,906	870,834
Board of Nursing	1,338,986	11,272	169,070	1,519,328
Board of Pharmacy	165,480	1,393	20,895	187,768
Board of Dentistry	198,899	1,674	25,115	225,688
TOTAL	2,470,832	\$ 20,800	\$ 311,985	\$ 2,803,617