

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2500 - 2

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Human Services to develop and implement training and continuing education curriculum for department caseworkers that informs and instructs caseworkers on their roles in juvenile dependency proceedings.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Justice (DOJ)

Analysis:

House Bill 2500 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop and implement training and continuing education curriculum for employees who work as caseworkers. The curriculum must instruct caseworkers about their roles in juvenile dependency proceedings, and must include instruction and materials presented by Department of Justice attorneys with expertise in juvenile dependency proceedings. Caseworkers must participate in this training at least once every two years.

The - 2 amendment specifies that DHS should develop and implement this training and continuing education curriculum in consultation with the Department of Justice. The - 2 amendment does not change the original fiscal determination.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on DHS is anticipated to be \$135,361 Total Funds (\$94,752 General Fund; \$40,609 Federal Funds) per biennium.

Incremental Training Costs	
Services & Supplies - Travel Reimbursement	\$51,633
Special Payments - PCU Training Agreement	43,119
General Fund	94,752
Services & Supplies - Travel Reimbursement	\$22,129
Special Payments - PCU Training Agreement	18,480
Federal Funds	40,609
Services & Supplies - Travel Reimbursement	\$73,762
Special Payments - PCU Training Agreement	61,599
Total Funds	\$135,361

This amount reflects the incremental cost of providing training for an estimated 1,377 employees every two years. Under current practice, DHS has this training in place through an intergovernmental agreement with Portland State University child welfare partnership, but only for new employees.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

DOJ reports that its Child Advocacy Section staff will absorb the extra work required to train caseworkers as part of its course of business.