

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2261

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Measure Description:

Expands allowed responsibilities of Youth Development Council to include coordinating statewide services to youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education

Analysis:

The bill expands the responsibilities of the Youth Development Council, within the Department of Education (ODE), to coordinate statewide services to youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning (LGBTQ). At this time, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes that the ramifications of this measure are not fully understood and therefore the fiscal impact cannot be determined. It is unclear, due to the broad interpretation of how state services could be “coordinated”, if the work required by this legislation can be absorbed with existing personnel, or if additional position(s) would be necessary.

To implement the bill, ODE would like to request a permanent Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (0.75 FTE) at a cost of \$214,768 in the 2017-19 biennium and (1.00 FTE) at a cost of \$263,015 in the 2019-21 biennium. This position would coordinate meetings with the Department of Human Services, the Oregon Department of Education, Oregon Youth Authority, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, and other stakeholders, to align and create efficiencies in the services provided to LGBTQ youth. The position would represent the Youth Development Council at community engagement forums across the state, as well as host and facilitate focus groups, collect data, and develop materials. The results of this outreach would be compiled in a report to the legislature with recommendations for research and strategies that address the needs of LGBTQ youth as well as identify measurable outcomes for reducing suicide, bullying and violence.