

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3440**

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**Measure Description:**

Specifies that Oregon Health Authority may use prescription monitoring information to determine whether practitioners are prescribing opioids or opiates in compliance with guidelines for prescribing opioids and opiates.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Board of Pharmacy, Oregon Medical Board, Board of Nursing, Board of Naturopathic Examiners, Department of Justice, Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Legislative Assembly, Office of the Governor

**Analysis:**

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Health Care to the House Committee on Rules.

House Bill 3440 authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to use the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to determine whether practitioners are prescribing opioids or opiates in compliance with the *Oregon Opioid Prescribing Guidelines: Recommendations for the Safe Use of Opioid Medications*, as endorsed by the Oregon Medical Board in January 2017. The bill removes special training requirement from statutes governing prescribing, dispensing, and distributing naloxone. The bill prohibits insurers, when reimbursing the cost of inpatient treatment for opioid or opiate abuse or dependency, from requiring prior authorization of payment for the first two weeks of treatment or for the cost of initial 30-day supply of medication prescribed for purpose of treating opioid or opiate abuse or dependency. The bill specifies that an individual may not be denied entry into specialty court in Oregon solely because that individual is taking, or intends to take, medication prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner for treatment of drug abuse or dependency. In addition, the bill creates the Task Force on Opioid and Opiate Abuse and Dependency charged with studying opioid and opiate abuse and dependency. The task force must submit its findings and recommendation to the Legislature by September 15, 2018. The Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2018. The bill takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Medical Board, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Naturopathic Examiners, the Department of Justice, and the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD). The amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the House Committee on Rules.

Further Analysis Required