

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2015 - 2

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Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: 4/15/2017**Measure Description:**

Directs Oregon Health Authority to reimburse doula at rate of no less than \$350 per pregnancy for services provided to medical assistance recipient.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund	\$204,423	\$428,233
Federal Funds	467,797	918,355
Total Funds	\$672,220	\$1,346,588
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

This bill increases the per pregnancy reimbursement rates for doula services provided to medical assistance recipients. It also requires OHA to review and revise these reimbursement rates every two years and provide the Oregon Health Policy Board and the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board with statistics regarding doulas currently operating in the state. CCO's are required to make information regarding how to access doula services available in print and online.

This bill has a fiscal impact on the Health Services Division. The fiscal impact of increasing doula rates from \$75 to \$350 per pregnancy is approximately \$672,220 (\$204,423 GF) in 2017-2019, and \$1,346,588 (\$428,233) in 2019-2021. The fiscal impact is based on an approximate 20% utilization of doulas in all births in 2017-2019, and 30% utilization in all births in 2019-2021. Additionally, it is estimated that use of doulas during vaginal deliveries would result in a 9% decrease in the costs related to use of epidurals. This cost savings is included in the estimate.