

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 419 - 3

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Measure Description:

Creates Hospital Rate Commission in Oregon Health Authority to review hospital charges billed by certain hospitals and recommend to Oregon Health Authority whether to approve charges as reasonable based on prescribed criteria.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Legislative Assembly, Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

Senate Bill 419 with the -3 amendment creates the 17-member Task Force on Health Care Cost Review charged with studying the feasibility of creating a hospital rate-setting process modeled on the process used by the Health Services Cost Review Commission in Maryland. The task force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by September 15, 2018. All members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 legislative session adjourns sine die. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

The bill requires LPRO to provide staff support to the task force. The 2017-19 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO support of interim committees and task forces.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

This bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on OHA and DCBS. The chair of the Oregon Health Policy Board and the director of OHA are required to serve as members on the task force. The Director of DCBS is required to serve as the task force chair. The chair of the Oregon Health Policy Board and the directors of OHA and DCBS will reprioritize duties to attend meetings, and use existing staff and resources to furnish the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.