

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2838 - A6**79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Kim To
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Requires Oregon Health Authority to take specific steps to improve assistance provided to individuals applying for or seeking to renew medical assistance eligibility.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

House Bill 2838 with the -A6 amendment establishes the Oregon Health Authority Assister Fund consisting of voluntary contributions from coordinated care organizations (CCO), cities, counties, or nonprofit organizations. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide grants to independent nonprofit organizations providing application assistance to ensure that there is at least one individual available to provide application assistance for every 1,000 medical assistance recipients. The bill requires OHA to facilitate the enrollment of eligible individuals in the medical assistance program by taking specified actions including providing these grants. The bill directs OHA to update, at least monthly, the information provided to each CCO about its members including but not limited to the member's address, eligibility category, phone number, electronic mail address, date of renewal, and termination date. OHA must provide CCOs with access to state databases, as well as training to employees of CCOs who are responsible for updating member information in the state databases. The bill permits OHA to convene an advisory group to develop, implement, and continuously improve the application and renewal process for the medical assistance program.

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Personal Services	63,274	84,365
Services and Supplies	15,557	19,025
Total General Fund	\$78,831	\$103,390
Personal Services	63,274	84,365
Services and Supplies	15,305	\$18,687
Total Federal Funds	\$78,579	\$103,052
Personal Services	126,548	168,730
Services and Supplies	30,862	37,712
TOTAL FUNDS	\$157,410	\$206,442
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.75	1.00

OHA estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$157,410 Total Funds, 1 position, and 0.75 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium. This amount reflects the personal services and related services and supplies for one Operations and Policy Analyst 2 position to deliver training to all CCO staff that update member information, as well as to provide on-site monitoring of grantees.

In addition, if voluntary contributions to the Oregon Health Assister Fund are inadequate, OHA may need additional funding resources to ensure compliance of maintaining one individual to provide application assistance per 1,000 recipients.