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Measure Description:

Directs Health Licensing Office to issue license to engage in practice of art therapy to qualified applicant.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

¹Summary of Expenditure Impact Health Licensing Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Personal Services	\$8,803	\$11,169
Services and Supplies	4,232	6,211
Total Other Funds	\$13,035	\$17,380

²Summary of Revenue Impact Health Licensing Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Fees	\$30,874	\$15,823
Total Other Funds	\$30,874	\$15,823

Analysis:

House Bill 2432 requires the Health Licensing Office (HLO) within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a new board and program for licensing and regulating the practice of art therapy. The bill prohibits persons from practicing art therapy or using the titles of licensed art therapist or licensed certified therapist without a license from HLO, with certain exceptions including:

1. Individuals licensed under Oregon laws in a profession or occupation other than art therapy who uses art therapy in a manner incidental to the person’s practice.
2. Individuals under supervised study of art therapy.

The bill also allows individuals to practice without license until January 1, 2019 if they meet conditions specified by the bill. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on its passage.

Oregon Health Licensing Office (HLO)

¹The Health Licensing Office estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$13,035 Other Funds for the 2017-19 biennium. This amount includes pooled costs for staffing the new licensure program.

²The bill allows the HLO to charge fees to recover costs. Assuming an estimated 145 individuals will seek licensure, HLO anticipates establishing the following fees for licensed art therapists and licensed certified therapists:

- (1) Application – New License = \$150;
- (2) License Renewal = \$50 (valid for one year).

Oregon State Hospital (OSH)

The Oregon Health Authority reports an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Oregon State Hospital. Currently, treatment for OSH patients includes art therapy performed by practitioners including clinical social workers, psychologists, and mental health specialists. The Oregon Health Authority is concerned that passage of this bill may require OSH to hire staff or contracted employees who comply with these new licensure requirements. At this time, the number of employees licensed as art therapists or certified licensed therapists necessary and hours they would work cannot be predicted.

However, LFO notes that the bill allows individuals licensed under Oregon laws in a profession or occupation other than art therapy who uses art therapy in a manner incidental to the person's practice to perform art therapy without a license from HLO.