

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2011 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Housing and Community Services Department to administer study to assess disparities between federal and local calculations of fair market rent.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Task Force/Committees

Analysis:

House Bill 2011 requires the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to conduct a study to assess the disparities between federal and local calculations of fair market rent. HCDS must provide every local housing authority with an option to participate in this study. The bill also directs HCDS to commission an independent research organization to collect all information necessary to petition the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for an increase in voucher payments to reflect the local estimate of fair market rent. This report by the independent research organization must be submitted to HCDS by September 15, 2018. The bill specifies the basic contents that must be included in this report. HCDS must report to the legislature by January 15, 2019.

In addition, the bill establishes the 13-member Task Force on Housing Authority Capacity charged with assessing and enhancing the capacity of housing authorities throughout this state to provide services. HCDS is required to provide staff support to the task force. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018. The bill take effect on passage

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD)

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Personal Services	\$76,805	
Services & Supplies	2,240	
Professional Services	450,000	
Total General Fund	\$529,045	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.50	

HCSD estimates the cost of complying with the provisions of this bill to be \$529,045 General Fund and .50 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium. This amount includes the staffing costs for one Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position to manage the work required by this bill from July 1, 2017 until January 15, 2019, as well as the projected cost of contracting with an independent research organization to collect information for the HUD petition.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)

The fiscal impact of this bill to OHA and ODVA is minimal. OHA and ODVA anticipate reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.