

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 3084

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### **Measure Description:**

Requires Department of Consumer and Business Services to administer program to provide financial assistance with cost of deductibles and other cost-sharing requirements associated with health insurance.

### **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

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

### **Analysis:**

House Bill 3084 appropriates an unspecified amount, in millions, of General Fund to Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), and establishes a fund separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated DCBS. The bill directs DCBS to administer a program to subsidize a portion of the costs of deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs for individuals who are enrolled in a qualified plan, have an income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, and is at high risk of incurring excessive medical expense due to: (1) a catastrophic injury or illness; (2) a chronic condition that causes the individual to consistently incur medical expense up to the out-of-pocket limit before the end of the year plan; or (3) other qualifying factors DCBS establishes by rule.

In addition, the bill requires the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to convene a seven-member task force to advise the Director in administering the financial assistance program outlined in the bill. The bill takes effect on passage. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

### Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

The full fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, but anticipated to be substantial, depending on the recommendations of the task force. At this time, DCBS cannot quantify the number of individuals who would be eligible to participate in this program or the cost of the program until the task force establishes the criteria and approaches for administering this program. DCBS anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force.

### Legislative Assembly

The bill specifies that non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. However, two members of the task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the two legislative members is \$402 per day. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at \$142 per day, and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.535 per mile. Although the 2017-19 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2017-19 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during Legislative Session, Task force or Legislative Days.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on OHA. Although the bill does not explicitly name OHA, because of the subject matter, this fiscal assumes that the agency will be consulted. OHA is expected to provide the task force with requested existing available data, information, advice, and other support that is within the current capacity of its staffing and resources.