

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3063 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Mental Health Housing Fund, appropriates moneys to Oregon Health Authority and requires authority to seek out and apply for additional moneys for fund to pay for construction and start-up costs of housing for individuals with mental illness.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

House Bill 3063 appropriates an unspecified amount, in the millions, of General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and authorizes the agency to use moneys in the existing Housing for Mental Health Fund to cover the development of community-based housing, crisis intervention services, and rental subsidies for individuals with mental illness. The bill permits OHA to use this money to cover portions of the costs for purchasing land, construction of housing, fixtures, furnishing, as well as training of staff. The bill requires OHA to convene an advisory group to guide the agency in allocating funds, soliciting proposals, and reviewing applications. The bill requires the advisory group to include two OHA staff. The bill takes effect on passage.

OHA reports that it will use existing staff to convene and serve on the advisory group, as well as to manage the fund allocation, proposal solicitation, and application review process. However, the full fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate depending on the amount of General Fund to be appropriated to OHA to cover portions of the costs for purchasing land, construction of housing, fixtures, furnishing, and training of staff.

This bill requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund resources.