

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2319

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Measure Description:

Creates Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Board of Psychologist Examiners

Analysis:

House Bill 2319 merges the administration and centralized services of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists with the State Board of Psychologist Examiners to form the Oregon Mental Health Regulatory Agency. The boards will continue to maintain separate regulatory authority over consumer protection and determining the qualifications of their respective regulated professions. The two boards will jointly appoint the director for the Oregon Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

Passage of this bill is anticipated to realize efficiencies and savings for the two boards. The budgetary impact of this bill is incorporated in SB 5513, the budget appropriation bill for the Oregon Mental Health Regulatory Agency.