

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 944 - A**79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Kim To
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Date: 4/19/2017**Measure Description:**

Establishes Youth Acute Behavioral Health Leadership Council and the position of Behavioral Health Policy Advisor in the Office of the Governor.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Office of the Governor, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund		
Governor's Office - Personal Services	\$401,299	\$401,299
Governor's Office - Services and Supplies	\$32,391	\$32,391
OHA - Professional Services	400,000	400,000
Total General Fund	\$833,690	\$833,690
Governor's Office - Positions	2	2
Governor's Office - FTE	2.00	2.00

Analysis:

Senate Bill 944 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to contract with an Oregon-based nonprofit organization with the expertise to operate a 24-hour call center dedicated to tracking and providing information about available placement settings for children and adolescent needing high acuity behavioral health services. The call center will also implement processes for service providers to submit data that can be used to assess and monitor daily, statewide capacity for providing high acuity behavioral health services to children and adolescents; recording when the first contact with the call center took place and the appropriate place.

In addition, the bill establishes the Youth Acute Behavioral Health Leadership Council in the Office of the Governor charged with making recommendations for the alignment of sources of funding and polices among all agencies serving children and adolescents to ensure the implementation of sustainable behavioral health services, dictated by the needs of the children, the adolescents and their families. The Council will also define the characteristics of the target population of children and adolescents to be served and to develop a proposal for legislative changes needed to create a single entity to coordinate behavioral health services for the target population. The proposal must be cost neutral by reallocating existing resources and ensuring that the entity will be responsive to the state agency requirements. All members of the Council serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement. The Council is required to report to the Legislature by January 31, 2018. This bill has an emergency clause and takes effect upon passage. The Council sunsets on January 2, 2021.

The total fiscal impact of complying with provisions of this bill is estimated to be \$833,690 General Fund, 2 positions, and 2.00 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium.

This bill requires budgetary action for allocation of General Fund resources and position establishment.

Office of the Governor

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$401,299	\$401,299
Services and Supplies	32,391	32,391
Total General Fund	\$433,690	\$433,690
Positions	2	2
FTE	2.00	2.00

The bill directs the Office of the Governor to appoint a Behavioral Health Policy Advisor to be responsible for coordinating behavioral health services among all state agencies. The Governor's Behavioral Health Policy Advisor is required to serve as a member and to staff the Council. The fiscal amount reflects the personal services and related services and supplies for two full-time positions: one Principle Executive Manager G position to serve as the Behavioral Health Policy Advisor, and one Administrative Specialist 2 position to spearhead the work of Youth Acute Behavioral Health Leadership Council.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund		
Professional Services	400,000	400,000
Total General Fund	\$400,000	\$400,000

OHA estimates the contract to operate a call center as specified by the bill to be \$400,000 General Fund per biennium. At this time, the fund source for this impact is 100% General Fund because although the Medicaid administrative match rate is available for work that is beneficial to the Medicaid client population, OHA is unable to determine if this work qualifies.

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