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Measure Description:

Imposes requirements upon mental health treatment providers and programs to ensure culturally and linguistically appropriate care for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

This bill creates the Mental Health for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals' Bill of Rights. It seeks to set minimum requirements for addressing the mental health needs of deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The Oregon Health Authority estimates changes in staffing at the Oregon State Hospital that would need to made in order to comply with provisions of the bill could cost upwards of \$7,527,701 General Fund for the 2017-2019 biennium and \$7,644,275 General Fund for the 2019-2021 biennium. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) believes these estimates require further review and maywarrant revision when the bill is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required