

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2015

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Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Meg Bushman-Reinhold
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Date: 4/19/2017**Measure Description:**

Directs Oregon Health Authority to reimburse doula at rate of no less than \$350 per pregnancy for services provided to medical assistance recipient.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund	\$204,423	\$428,233
Federal Funds	467,797	918,355
Total Funds	\$672,220	\$1,346,588
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

This bill increases the reimbursement rates for doula services provided to medical assistance recipients from \$75 to \$350 per pregnancy.

The higher rate will increase costs for the Health Services Division of the Oregon Health Authority. The estimated increase is \$672,220 (\$204,423 General Fund) for the 2017-2019 biennium; and \$1,346,588 (\$428,233 General Fund) for the 2019-2021 biennium. The fiscal impact is based on an approximate 20% utilization of doulas in all births in 2017-2019, and 30% utilization in all births in 2019-2021. Additionally, it is estimated that use of doulas during vaginal deliveries would result in a 9% decrease in the costs related to use of epidurals. This cost savings is included in the estimate.