

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2503 - B

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs Health Licensing Office to issue lactation consultant and lactation educator licenses to qualified applicants.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

¹Summary of Expenditure Impact Health Licensing Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Personal Services	\$18,719	\$26,158
Services and Supplies	12,963	16,085
Total Other Funds	\$31,682	\$42,243

²Summary of Revenue Impact Health Licensing Office, Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Fees	\$75,040	\$38,458
Total Other Funds	\$75,040	\$38,458

Analysis:

House Bill 2503 requires the Health Licensing Office (HLO) within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a new board and program for licensing and regulating the practice of lactation consultants. The bill authorizes HLO to adopt rules and establish licensure fees. The bill outlines requirements for certification, and requires lactation consultants to complete continuing education related to cultural competency and trauma-informed care through programs approved by HLO. The bill gives HLO oversight and disciplinary authority over the lactation consultant licensing program. The bill exempts individuals who contract with OHA to promote or support breastfeeding through the Women, Infants and Children Program from licensing requirements. The bill clarifies that certified lactation counselors are not subject to the licensing requirements of this bill. The bill takes effect on passage. Licensing requirements are operative on January 1, 2018.

Oregon Health Licensing Office (HLO)

¹The Health Licensing Office estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$31,682 Other Funds for the 2017-19 biennium. This amount includes pooled costs for staffing the new licensure program.

²The bill allows the HLO to charge fees to recover costs. Assuming an estimated 300-400 individuals will seek licensure, HLO anticipates establishing the following fees for lactation consultants:

- (1) Application – New License = \$150;
- (2) License - New = \$50 (valid for one year)
- (3) License Renewal = \$50 (valid for one year).