

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1539

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Measure Description:

Establishes Oregon Psychiatric Access Line program in Oregon Health and Science University.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact - OHSU:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	771,134	1,542,268
Services & Supplies	128,866	257,732
Total Funds	\$900,000	\$1,800,000

Analysis:

SB 1539 appropriates \$900,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services to pass through to Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). The bill directs OHSU to establish and administer the Oregon Psychiatric Access Line (OPAL-A) to provide real-time telephone or electronic psychiatric physician consultation to primary care providers who care for patients with mental health disorders. The bill also specifies that unexpended funds appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for the 2017-19 biennium for the operation of a psychiatric access line for primary care providers caring for children and adolescents (OPAL-K) are transferred to OHSU to administer OPAL-A.

OHSU anticipates expending the \$900,000 appropriation to partially fund staff responsible for administering the OPAL-A access line: (1) MD Medical Director; (2) MD Physicians; (3) Data IT; (4) Social Worker; and (5) Division Manager.

Note that only part of OHSU agency’s budget is subject to Executive Branch review, or approval or modification by the Legislative Assembly. State funding is provided to OHSU for specific functions such as medical and nursing schools, Office of Rural Health, and the Poison Control Center.