

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4143 - A

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Date: 2/19/2018**Measure Description:**

Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to study barriers to effective treatment for, and recovery from, substance use disorders, including addictions to opioids and opiates, that are a result of current structures of payment, and to report and make recommendations to Legislative Assembly not later than June 30, 2018.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Department of Corrections (DOC)

Summary of Expenditure Impact - Oregon Health Authority:

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

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	125,526	149,062
Services & Supplies	74,474	31,737
Special Payments	2,000,000	
Total General Fund	\$2,200,000	\$180,799
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.67	0.79

Analysis:

HB 4143 appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority to establish a pilot project for determining the effectiveness of establishing immediate access to appropriate evidence-based treatment for persons who suffer from opioid and opiate overdoses. The bill specifies that this appropriation is available continuously until January 2, 2021 or until the appropriation amount is expended, whichever comes first. The pilot program is operative January 1, 2019 and is repealed on January 2, 2021. The bill directs OHA to submit a report on the progress of the pilot program by December 31st of each year.

The bill also requires practitioners to register with the prescription monitoring system by July 1, 2018. The bill authorizes OHA to adopt rules to administer this registration requirement.

In addition, the bill requires DCBS, in consultation with OHA and DOC, to study barriers to effective treatment for, and recovery from, substance use disorders, including addictions to opioids and opiates, that are a result of current structures of payment. DCBS must submit findings of the study to the legislature by June 30, 2018.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

OHA estimates the fiscal impact of implementing the pilot program, assisting DCBS with the study, and administering the practitioners registration requirement to be \$2,200,000 General Fund, 1 position, 0.67 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium; and \$180,799 General Fund, 1 position, 0.79 FTE for the 2019-21 biennium.

In addition to using existing staff to implement the pilot program, assist DCBS with the study, and to administer the registration requirement for practitioners specified by the bill, OHA anticipates establishing one Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to oversee the pilot program. The 2017-19 Services & Supplies amount includes \$46,151 for an external evaluation of the pilot project. The agency will expend the \$2 million for direct grants or contracts to Coos, Jackson, Marion, and Multnomah counties to support pilot program activities, including providing on-call emergency room coverage to support overdose victims; educating survivors on how to navigate treatment, social services, and recovery support systems; and providing appropriate treatment and recovery services.

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Department of Corrections (DOC)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on DCBS and DOC. These agencies will use existing staff and resources to collaborate in conducting the required study.