

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2691 - 1

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Measure Description:

Establishes statutory authority for Oregon Psychiatric Access Line program operated by Oregon Health and Science University and financed by Legislative Assembly through appropriations.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis: This bill creates the Oregon Psychiatric Access Line (OPAL) in the Oregon Health Science University (OHSU) to provide telephone and electronic psychiatric consultation to primary care providers treating patients with mental health disorders. The -1 amendment changes the hours of program availability.

The Legislature appropriated \$900,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in HB 5201 (2018) for the purposes of OPAL. OHA contracts with OHSU to provide these services. OPAL funding was approved as an ongoing program and is included in OHA’s 2019-21 current service level budget. There is no additional fiscal impact due to the requirements of this bill.