

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 138 - 1**80th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2019 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Kim To  
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Date: 2/25/2019**Measure Description:**

Reestablishes Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group in Oregon Health Authority to continue development of evidence-based algorithms for prescription drug treatment of mental health disorders.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Corrections (DOC), Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBOP), Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA),

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
<b>Oregon Health Authority - General Fund</b>		
Personal Services	565,914	565,914
Services and Supplies	153,821	153,821
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$719,735</b>	<b>\$719,735</b>
Positions	2	2
FTE	2.00	2.00

**Analysis:**

SB 138 with the -1 amendment appropriates \$500,00 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to reestablish and support the 18-member Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group. This advisory group is charged with developing evidence-based algorithms for mental health treatments, including treatments with mental health drugs. The measure directs the advisory group to make recommendations to OHA, and the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. These recommendations must be posted to the OHA website no later than 30 days after the group approves the recommendations. The advisory group must report to the Legislature by December 31st of each year. The advisory group must meet at least once every two months. Members of the advisory group are entitled to reimbursement of expenses.

In addition, the measure requires OHA to reimburse the cost of a mental health drug prescribed for a medical assistance recipient if federal financial participation in the cost is available. This provision sunsets on January 2, 2022. This provision does not have a fiscal impact on OHA because it does not change how OHA pays for mental health drugs and it does not end the current exclusion of mental health drugs from the preferred drug list enforcement.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

OHA estimates the fiscal impact of convening and supporting the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group to be \$719,735 General Fund and 2 positions (2.00 FTE) per biennium. This amount includes personal services and related services and supplies for:

- One full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to coordinate the work of the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group; and
- One full-time Clinical Pharmacy Manager 2 to act as the lead responsible for compiling and facilitating group input and directing the medication algorithms for the Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group.

In addition to personal services related costs, OHA estimates meeting expenses and travel reimbursement for advisory group members to be \$74,059 per biennium.

In addition to the \$500,000 appropriation included in this bill, Policy Option Package 411 in the agency's 2019-21 requested budget includes \$200,368 General Fund and 1.00 FTE to support Mental Health Clinical Advisory Group.

Department of Corrections (DOC), Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBOP), Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

The fiscal impact of this bill on DOC, OBOP, and MHRA is anticipated to be minimal. The bill requires one member of the advisory group to be a representative of DOC who has a clinical background. DOC anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the advisory group. Although the measure does not specifically require OBOP and MHRA participation, if asked, the two agencies expects to use existing staff and resources to furnish the advisory group with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.