

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2339**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to administer program to provide matching grants to registered sobering facilities.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Human Services (DHS)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

**Analysis:**

HB 2339 appropriates an unspecified amount out of the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide matching grants to sobering facilities. The bill authorizes OHA to prescribe a formula, based on community need and availability of funding from other sources, to best appropriate the allocation of awarded monies.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate depending on the amount of General Fund appropriated to OHA.

OHA reports that there are currently five sobering centers registered in Oregon and the agency anticipates the registration of two more during the 2019-21 biennium. For the 2021-23 biennium, OHA projects nine sobering centers (seven registered and two additional based on historical trend). Based on previous award distribution, four facilities have received awards with the average award amount of \$332,500. As a point of reference, funding all registered sobering centers at this average award amount would cost \$2,327,500 for the 2019-21 biennium and \$2,992,500 for the 2021-23 biennium.

OHA anticipates managing the increase in workload associated with managing these matching grants with current staff and resources.

In addition, the DHS Office of Financial Services (OFS) is a shared services office of DHS and OHA. Passage of this bill would require OFS to set up, monitor, and reconcile an additional appropriated fund. OFS would be responsible for releasing grants and paying the appropriate entities through the Contract Payments (CP) unit. The fiscal impact of this bill on OFS cannot be quantified at this time.