

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2750

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Justice to establish program for awarding grants to law enforcement agencies and local governments for training of groups and agencies that interact with persons who have experienced trauma.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Oregon State Police(OSP), Cities, Counties

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 2750 directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a program for awarding grants to law enforcement agencies and local governments to provide training to other organizations that interact with people that have experienced trauma. DOJ is required to create a model training for use by grant recipients and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. The bill does not identify the amount of General Fund to be allocated to this program for grants or for grant program support.

Oregon Department of Justice

The Department of Justice (DOJ) anticipates hiring an outside vendor to develop the model training, and staff to support the vendor and manage the grant program. DOJ's costs include \$150,000 each biennium for the outside vendor, a half-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 to coordinate with and assist the outside vendor, a full-time Program Analyst 3 to handle grant implementation and management, and a half-time Administrative Specialist for additional support. DOJ estimates General Fund costs of \$676,448 and three positions (1.81 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium and \$722,000 and three positions (3.0 FTE) for the 2021-23 biennium.

With regard to the outside vendor, there may be trainings that have already been developed, such that hiring an outside vendor to create a new training is unnecessary. If a vendor is required, costs are likely closer to \$50,000 and should not continue beyond the initial training development in the 2019-21 biennium; the Program Analyst 3 can assist the vendor, as needed. Removing the Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position and including a vendor cost of \$50,000 reduces the General Fund impact for 2019-21 to \$382,678 with 2 positions (1.31 FTE). The General Fund impact for 2021-23 is estimated to be \$378,230 with 2 positions (1.5 FTE). LFO notes, however, that this staffing level is consistent with a significant statewide program issuing many grants per year. The actual staffing level necessary for implementation will be dependent the size of the General Fund appropriation for this program, which is not yet identified in the bill.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

This bill directs the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, in consultation with Department of Justice, to develop best practices for law enforcement agencies when interacting with persons who have experienced trauma and to review and update training, consistent with Department of Justice model training program, for law enforcement personnel in the training academy.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training currently provides training on interacting with trauma-impacted persons through the sexual assault task force and uses work groups to create best practices for all of its curriculum. The provisions of this bill can be implemented by the agency using existing staff and resources.

Oregon State Police, Cities and Counties

The bill requires law enforcement agencies in Oregon to adopt appropriate best practice policies for interacting with persons who have experienced trauma. The Oregon State Police and cities and counties anticipate only a minimal fiscal impact to their organizations to comply with the requirement to adopt best practices, noting they could potentially benefit from grants for training on interacting with persons who have experienced trauma.

There may be a fiscal impact to law enforcement and local governments that are awarded grants to provide training to other organizations.

The General Fund appropriation for grant awards is not identified in the bill. The cost of administering the grant program will vary depending on the availability of grant funds. The fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate. This bill should be referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for further consideration.