

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3164 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Public Defense Services Commission to distribute moneys to Metropolitan Public Defender Services for establishment and administration of pilot program according to specifications, collection of certain program data and submission of data to commission.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC), Counties

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
General Fund	\$1,095,932	\$120,737
Total Funds	\$1,095,932	\$120,737
Positions	1	1
FTE	1.00	0.38

Analysis:

This bill appropriates \$550,000 from the General Fund to the Office of Public Defense Services for transfer to Metropolitan Public Defender Services to establish and administer a 24-month civil legal services pilot program in both Multnomah County and one rural county. The pilot program would help persons who are charged with criminal offenses with related civil legal services, such as housing, family law, debt, and expungement.

Metropolitan Public Defender Services would develop and administer the program, collect data regarding the program’s outcomes, and submit that data to the Office of Public Defense Services. The Office of Public Defense Services would assist in data collection, review the data, and prepare and submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary by September 15, 2021.

Public Defense Services Commission

For the twenty-four-month pilot, Metropolitan Public Defenders reported to the Public Defense Services Commission that they would need \$920,000 for two attorneys, one social worker, and two legal assistants to establish and administer the program in both Multnomah County and a rural county.

According to the Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC), a limited duration 1.0 FTE Business Analyst position is required to assist in data collection, review data submissions, and prepare and submit the required report to the Legislature. This position would also manage and account for the distribution of the funds appropriated to Metropolitan Public Defenders. This analyst will need to continue into the 2021-23 biennium to complete the report once the pilot is completed.

While this bill appropriates \$550,000 General Fund for this pilot, the actual General Fund costs for the program for the 2019-21 biennium are \$331,967 for one Business Analyst (1.00 FTE) and a distribution of \$920,000 General Fund to the Metropolitan Public Defenders. The fiscal impact to PDSC for the 2021-23 biennium is \$120,737 General Fund for the Business Analyst (0.38 FTE) to complete their work.