

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 4031 - A**80th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2020 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Health Authority to assess supply and demand of behavioral health professionals in state, report findings of assessment to legislature and make recommendations for legislation not later than November 1, 2020.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Education (ODE), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Public Universities, Community Colleges, Mental Health Regulatory Agency (MHRA), Oregon Medical Board (OMB), Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN), Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW), Occupational Therapy Licensing Board (OTLB)

Summary of Expenditure Impact - Oregon Health Authority:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	83,661	-
Services and Supplies	22,585	-
Professional Services	500,000	-
Total Funds	\$606,246	-
Positions	1	-
FTE	0.42	-

Analysis:

HB 4031 A-Engrossed requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to prepare an assessment that forecasts the supply of and demand for behavioral health professionals in this state over the next 10 years. The bill directs OHA to collaborate with the Department of Education (ODE), the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), relevant professional regulatory boards, state agencies that regulate any behavioral health professionals, public institutions of higher education, and technical schools that offer educational programs related to behavioral health. OHA must submit the assessment along with recommendations for legislation to the Legislature by November 1, 2020.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

OHA estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be a one-time cost of \$606,246 General Fund, one limited duration position (0.42 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium. With under five months to conduct the extensive assessment, review findings, and formulate recommendations for legislation and implementation, OHA anticipates contracting with a consultant to complete the assessment. The consultant is expected to work with ODE, HECC and relevant regulatory boards to provide OHA with a report that includes:

- Forecasts of the supply and demand of the behavioral health workforce over next 10 years in Oregon.
- A compilation of relevant studies and local and national data to improve the behavioral workforce.
- An assessment of behavioral health professionals who are currently ready to enter the work force and the need for behavioral health professionals by specific types of services.
- An evaluation of the gaps in the behavioral health work force.

- An evaluation of the barriers to meeting current goals and make recommendations to articulate strategies and remove barriers.

In addition, the fiscal impact includes salary and related expenses for one limited duration Operations Policy Analyst 3 position to manage the contract, convene stakeholders, and spearhead project management.

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The fiscal impact of this bill to relevant professional regulatory boards, state agencies that regulate any behavioral health professionals, public institutions of higher education, and technical schools that offer educational programs related to behavioral health is anticipated to be minimal. This fiscal analysis assumes these entities will reprioritize duties and resources to provide OHA with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.