

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 680 - 2

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Measure Description:

Provides funding to peer-run organizations and to operate peer respite centers to provide peer respite services to individuals with mental illness who experience acute distress, anxiety or emotional pain.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide funding to one or more peer-run organizations to operate four peer respite centers in the Portland metro area, southern Oregon, Oregon coast, and central/eastern Oregon. Peer respite services are voluntary, nonclinical, short-term residential peer support provided in a homelike setting to individuals with mental illness or trauma response symptoms who are experiencing symptoms that may lead to the need for higher-level care, such as at a psychiatric inpatient hospital. This measure appropriates \$2.25 million General Fund to OHA, with \$750,000 to be distributed from these funds to each peer respite center. There may be additional costs to implement this measure. The Legislative Fiscal Office also notes that the \$2.25 million appropriation is insufficient to provide each center the amount of funding that is required by this measure.

A more complete fiscal analysis will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required