

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2010 - 3

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Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: April 13, 2021**Measure Description:**

Creates public option to allow consumers to enroll in state-designed health plans through health insurance exchange.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$400,000	\$0
Total Funds	\$400,000	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

HB 2010 - 3 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), to develop a plan to implement a public health plan that will be available to individuals and families in the individual health insurance market, and to small employers whose employees struggle with health care costs.

OHA and DCBS are directed to analyze federal funding opportunities, assess need for this plan across specific populations, and determine the effect the plan would have on the overall stability of insurance markets in Oregon. The agencies are additionally directed to assess how recent federal program changes could improve affordability and access to coverage, benefits of state-based technology platform, subsidy needs, and coverage strategies under development by the Task Force on Universal Health Care.

OHA and DCBS are to make recommendations for implementing a plan, including:

- Operating structure and governance;
- How to leverage existing state-backed plans or networks;
- Option to reduce out-of-pocket costs for individuals;
- How the plan to further state goals of health system transformation;
- Cost containment options;
- Enrollment and outreach infrastructure; and,
- Design options to help eliminate health inequities.

DCBS and OHA are to report to the Legislative Assembly on this work no later than January 1, 2022. This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

OHA anticipates costs of up to \$400,000 General Fund in consulting fees to assist with all aspects of the study to be conducted under this measure. This includes analysis of plan design options, reimbursement rates, federal approval, and policy issues, among other work required under this measure.

DCBS assumes that OHA will be the lead agency for implementation of this bill, and therefore anticipates a minimal fiscal impact.