

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 358 - A2

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Measure Description:

Modifies sunset date for Section 2, chapter 771, Oregon Laws 2013, from January 2, 2022 to January 2, 2030.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

SB 358 - A2 pushes back the sunset date of Section 2, chapter 771, Oregon Laws 2013, from January 2, 2022 to January 2, 2030.

There is no or minimal fiscal impact to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) as a result of this measure. However, under current law, the insurers for the Public Employees’ Benefit Board (PEBB) and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) are required to provide coverage for screening, diagnosis, and treatment for autism spectrum disorder, including applied behavior analysis for up to 25 hours per week and any other mental health or medical services that are part of an individualized treatment plan; this requirement is included in Section 2, chapter 771, Oregon Laws 2013. If this measure were to pass, this treatment would be covered until January 2, 2030. Should this bill not pass, this coverage would sunset January 2, 2022.

Were this measure not to pass, PEBB and OEBB would see combined savings of approximately \$1,751,325 Other Funds in the 2021-23 biennium and \$2,335,100 Other Funds in the 2023-25 biennium based on lower premiums, since insurers would no longer be required to cover certain treatment. Costs related to PEBB impact the premiums paid by state agencies and universities, and the costs for OEBB primarily impact the premiums paid by the K-12 school system.