

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2493

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Measure Description:

Directs Health Licensing Office to establish and maintain voluntary alternative practitioner registry of individuals who provide alternative well-being care.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW), Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (BLPCT), Oregon Board of Psychology

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Health Care to the House Committee on Behavioral Health.

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Health Licensing Office to establish an alternative practitioner registry. OHA is directed to list an alternative practitioner on the registry who submits an application to the Health Licensing Office; pays an application fee; completes a tutorial and passes an exam regarding mandatory reporting, scope of practice for registered practitioners, and other topics as determined by the office; and meets any other requirements established by the office. Alternative practitioners must pay a renewal fee every two years to be listed on the registry and are required to comply with standards of conduct adopted by the Health Licensing Office. The Health Licensing Office is required to conduct a criminal records check of each applicant and may contract with a third-party to set up and maintain the registry.

Alternative practitioners are not required to be listed on the alternative practitioner registry. Registered practitioners must provide each client with a professional disclosure statement, including background on the practitioner’s qualifications and a statement from the Health Licensing Office. The Health Licensing Office may impose discipline against individuals listed on the alternative practitioner registry, and it may adopt rules to carry out this measure. This measure is operative on January 1, 2022, and the Health Licensing Office may take any action before the operative date to enact this measure.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on OHA, Oregon Judicial Department, Board of Licensed Social Workers, Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, and Oregon Board of Psychology.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the House Committee on Behavioral Health.

Further Analysis Required