

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2575

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Justice to establish program for awarding grants to law enforcement agencies and local governments for training of groups and agencies that interact with persons who have experienced trauma.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Cities, Oregon State Police (OSP), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Department of Justice (DOJ)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2575 appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a program to provide grants to local agencies for trauma-informed training and for the development of training programs that take into account the effects of trauma. The measure further directs DOJ to work with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to develop best practices for future trauma-informed trainings. The measure requires DPSST to review and update training protocols to meet these standards for all law enforcement personnel who enter the training academy operated by DPSST.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

The Department of Justice anticipates a fiscal impact from this measure. DOJ would be responsible for administering grants to local agencies and developing the trauma-informed trainings. DOJ estimates that in addition to the grant moneys that the agency will distribute, the agency anticipates the need for additional staff and to hire an outside vendor to design model training. DOJ costs would be in addition to the amounts of the grants as the measure does not allow the agency to use grant funds to pay for administrative costs.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

This measure would have a fiscal impact on DPSST. The measure requires that DPSST develop best practices for law enforcement agencies when dealing persons who have experienced trauma. DPSST anticipates the need for at least one additional permanent full-time Operations and Policy Analyst (1.00 FTE) to help with policy development and implementation. This additional position is projected to cost \$193,062 Other Funds. DPSST may also need to update its Basic-level law enforcement training curriculum based on the model training program developed by DOJ. This will come at a fiscal cost to the agency due to increased length of training and implementing the new curriculum. The extent of this fiscal impact is indeterminate at this time, although DPSST estimates an additional lodging and meals cost for trainees at \$38,925 but notes that this could change if the measure requires additional training time or if DPSST could fulfill the training required in the bill within the current training period.

Oregon State Police (OSP)

The cost of this measure to OSP would be minimal. Any additional costs for the training required in this measure could be absorbed within current resources, with the assumption that additional training for current law enforcement personnel would be incorporated into their regularly scheduled in-service training. New sworn personnel would receive appropriate training through DPSST during recruit school.

Cities and Counties

There would be an indeterminate fiscal impact to the counties from this measure for adopting the best practices developed by DPSST and DOJ. There would be no fiscal impact to the cities from this measure.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State's General Fund.