

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Measure: HB 3107 - A

81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2021 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
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Date: April 2, 2021**Measure Description:**

Requires birthing facility to perform test for detection of spinal muscular atrophy on newborn delivered at facility.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

**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	\$440,770	\$440,770
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$440,770</b>	<b>\$440,770</b>
Positions	1	1
FTE	1.00	1.00

**Analysis:**

HB 3107 - A contains a blank General Fund appropriation for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to test newborns for spinal muscular atrophy under the Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program. The bill declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program screens newborns for certain medical conditions to identify those who need treatment. Tests are analyzed in the state public health lab and staff make sure that newborns who test positive for conditions receive medical care.

Based on information provided by OHA, the estimated costs of this measure total up to \$440,770 General Fund. These costs include:

- \$280,770 General Fund for one new permanent, full-time Public Health Nurse 2 position (1.00 FTE) to provide program education, follow up on abnormal results, and communicate with health care providers- OHA believes existing staff cannot absorb this work due to the complexity of the disease;
- \$60,000 General Fund for testing supplies; and
- \$100,000 General Fund to expand an existing contract with the Oregon Health Sciences University to include consultation on spinal muscular atrophy.

The estimated cost is assumed to impact the General Fund instead of Newborn Screening Fees, which would need to be increased to support these costs. This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact.