

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 49 - 1

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Measure Description:

Modifies employment-related child care subsidy program to require certain individuals associated with care provider to be enrolled in Central Background Registry.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), Department of Human Services (DHS)

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	\$1,154,972	\$1,415,489
Total Funds	\$1,154,972	\$1,415,489
Positions	6	6
FTE	4.15	6.00

Analysis: This measure modifies employment related child care subsidy program to require certain individuals associated with a care provider to be enrolled in the Central Background Registry (CBR). Bill corrects statutory cross-references related to CBR and directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to transfer files related to background checks to the Office of Child Care (OCC) no later than July 1, 2022. This essentially transfers the responsibility of performing background checks on specific providers from DHS to OCC.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) would require two Administrative Specialist 1 (1.16 FTE), one Office Specialist 2 (0.83 FTE), and one Compliance Specialist 3 position (0.83 FTE), one Compliance Specialist 2 position (0.83 FTE), and one Compliance Specialist 1 position (0.50 FTE) to administer background checks. These positions would be phased-in prior to the operative date of the measure to allow for recruitment and training. Currently, the state pays for background checks for licensed facilities and ODE estimates 4,000 background checks per year at \$75 per background check for a total of \$300,000. These resources are included in the Governor’s proposed budget for ODE and if approved will be part of the agency’s budget.

The Department of Human Services states that it does not anticipate a fiscal impact due to the provisions of this measure. LFO notes that there is staff at DHS performing background checks on providers currently. The Joint Committee on Ways and Means should review the need for this staff when the bill is before the Joint Committee.

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.