

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1556 - 2

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to establish certification process for direct care providers of home- and community-based services and implement online registry of direct care providers of home- or community-based services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), 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	\$265,762	\$537,879
Other Funds	168,722	505,614
Federal Funds	100,989	280,791
Total Funds	\$535,473	\$1,324,284
Positions	3	3
FTE	1.29	3.00

Analysis:

SB 1556 - 2 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt by rule criteria for the certification or continuing certification of home or community-based services caregivers. DHS is directed to prescribe an application process and verification requirements for certification; employers must initiate the certification process for caregivers they employ. DHS is also directed to maintain an online home or community-based services caregiver registry accessible to the public. This portion of the measure is operative December 31, 2023.

DHS is directed to work with stakeholder groups to develop certification requirements that aim to improve the skill level and training of home or community-based services caregivers, and to improve pathways to education and advancement for caregivers. Starting December 31, 2024, individuals who are direct care staff in residential care facilities are also to be part of the certification process. Rulemaking related to this measure must be completed no later than January 1, 2023. The amendment includes a reporting requirement to the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means that may not be consistent with budget development timelines.

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

This measure directs the agency to implement an online registry of direct care providers of home or community-based services. This work may involve the planning, development or acquisition, and deployment of a new information technology solution and may be subject to state information technology statutes, rules, and policies for IT investment oversight and independent quality management services. The scope, schedule, and budget

related to implementation of this online registry may be affected by the due diligence activities required by these statutes, rules and policies.

Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services anticipates costs of \$248,843 General Fund and \$84,361 Federal Funds in the 2021-23 biennium, and \$509,020 General Fund and \$252,807 Federal Funds in the 2023-25 biennium. The agency would hire one permanent, full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (0.63 FTE in 2021-23, 1.00 FTE in 2023-25) to work on rulemaking, reporting, and stakeholder engagement. The costs stated here also include direct charges for support provided by the Oregon Health Authority (see below).

Oregon Health Authority

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provides technology support to DHS through their Shared Services division. OHA anticipates that setting up and maintaining the online home or community-based services caregiver registry will require hiring two permanent, full-time positions, an Information Systems Specialist 6 and an Information Systems Specialist 7 (both 0.33 FTE in 2021-23, and both 1.00 FTE in 2023-25).

Total costs for this work is estimated at \$16,919 General Fund, \$168,722 Other Funds, and \$16,628 Federal Funds in the 2021-23 biennium. In the 2023-25 biennium, estimated costs are \$28,859 General Fund, \$505,614 Other Funds, and \$27,984 Federal Funds.

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

There is no fiscal impact on the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.