

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 1554**81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2022 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***Prepared by: Haylee Morse-Miller
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Date: February 4, 2022**Measure Description:**

Directs Oregon Health Authority to study public health system response to COVID-19 pandemic.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Cities, Counties, 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	\$899,573	\$99,952
Total Funds	\$899,573	\$99,952
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

SB 1554 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to submit three reports related to the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reports are to be submitted to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to public health, and include:

- A report on the state’s public health response, which includes certain recommendations and key lessons learned, to be submitted no later than November 15, 2022.
- A study of data issues, roles of certain entities in response coordination, efficacy of statewide public health mandate enforcement in comparison with health data, and a review of public health workforce challenges; with a report that includes nongovernmental and community partner contributions to the COVID-19 response and recommendations for improving public health workforce challenges, to be submitted no later than April 1, 2023.
- A final evaluation and synthesis of the previous two reports, to be submitted to no later than September 1, 2023.

OHA is directed to contract with a third-party consultant with experience in performing public health after-action studies and preparing reports. The consultant is to partner with counties to complete the reports. This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The total cost of contracting for these reports is estimated at \$999,525 General Fund, with most of the funds (\$899,573) estimated to be needed in the 2021-23 biennium. Funding will be used to pay for listening sessions; reports to agencies, partners, and elected officials; collection of data and research; steering committee meetings; and report development.

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