

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish accreditation program for substance use disorder treatment programs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Mental Health Regulatory Agency, Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 2542-1 requires substance use disorder treatment programs to obtain accreditation by a national accreditation body approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). OHA is to provide administrative, financial and technical support for programs seeking accreditation. The measure as amended, provides OHA with rulemaking authority. The measure takes effect on the 91st day following sine die, however, OHA may take preparatory actions prior to this date. The total fiscal impact for the 2023-25 biennium is indeterminate.

Oregon Health Authority

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate because the programmatic and budgetary scope of providing services to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and receiving child welfare services is undefined. The following list reflects scope requirements or issues needing additional information to provide a more complete fiscal impact analysis:

- Parameters for the financial support OHA will provide to substance use disorder programs
- The type and extent of administrative and technical support OHA should offer substance use disorder programs.
- If services and costs are one-time or ongoing.
- If accreditation is one-time or subject to renewal and whether services or grants are applicable in a renewal scenario.

Despite the need for additional information, some rough projections of the fiscal impact can be made to serve as a frame of reference for potential costs. To complete the work of the measure, the following positions are required:

- Compliance Specialist 3 to assist substance use disorder programs through the accreditation process.
- Operations and Policy Analyst 2 to support agencies seeking accreditation.

The total position cost for 2023-25 is \$244,276 General Fund and \$89,725 Federal Funds with an additional \$15,565 General Fund and \$5,189 Federal Funds in services and supplies costs.

The amount required to provide grants to the substance disorder treatment programs is indeterminate at this time. However, OHA has advised that there are 253 substance disorder treatment programs that would be eligible to receive this funding.

There is no fiscal impact for the Mental Health Regulatory Agency.