

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2422 - 1

82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2023 Regular Session

Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Directs Legislative Administrator to pay costs of reasonable accommodation of member of Legislative Assembly who is afforded rights and protections as person with disabilities under specified federal and state law.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Legislative Administration		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$108,526	\$108,526
Services and Supplies	\$252,050	\$252,050
Total General Fund	\$360,576	\$360,576
Total Fiscal Impact	\$360,576	\$360,576
<i>Total Positions</i>	1	1
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.50	0.50

Analysis:

HB 2422 - 1 requires the Legislative Administrator to pay certain costs of a member of the Legislative Assembly who is afforded rights and protections as a person with disabilities, so that they may perform legislative duties. Costs covered include, but are not limited to, the marginal cost of accessible transportation to and from the State Capitol, district meetings or other legislative activities; costs incurred for staff necessary for the member to participate in all legislative functions and activities; the acquisition of assistive technology; and the marginal costs to access or modify temporary housing used by a member during a legislative session. The Legislative Administration Committee is to adopt processes to implement the measure, including an interactive process to determine the reasonable accommodations that are entitled to payment.

The measure includes an unspecified General Fund appropriation to the Legislative Administration Committee. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect July 1, 2023.

The total fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate given that the number of legislators who would qualify for costs to be covered now and in the future is unknown; as well as which costs would be eligible for coverage.

As starting point, Legislative Administration estimates costs of \$360,576 General Fund, based on the following assumptions:

- \$166,725 for a single member requiring accessible transportation, assuming an average round trip of 171 miles, an average mileage rate for non-emergency medical transport of \$5.00, and a total of 195 session

days, though costs would be more assuming that accessible transportation is also required outside of session. The fiscal impact includes one member eligible for transportation coverage.

- \$60,325 for a single member requiring someone to provide medical assistance not related to normal legislative activity, at an average cost of \$38.67 per hour. This also assumes a total of 195 session days, though costs would be more if assistance is also required outside of session. The fiscal impact assumes one member is eligible for staffing coverage.
- Estimated costs of between \$500 and \$5,000 per member for assistive technologies. The fiscal impact assumes 20 members require assistive technologies at a cost of \$500 each, based on the national average of 26 percent of adults reporting some sort of disability.
- Estimated costs of \$5,000 to \$6,000 for session housing assistance, which could include hiring a housing organization to locate temporary housing to meet member needs, or providing appropriate access to temporary housing. The fiscal impact assumes one member is eligible for housing assistance.

The costs above also include hiring one new permanent, part-time ADA Coordinator (0.50 FTE in 2023-25 and 2025-27) to work with health care providers to determine and coordinate accommodations needed.

Legislative Administration may need to return to a future legislative Emergency Board or legislative session to request additional funding depending on actual costs incurred under this measure.