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Measure Description:

Requires System of Care Advisory Council to study the application of a just culture model during investigations of child-caring agencies. Requires the System of Care Advisory Council to establish and administer a grant program for trauma-informed care and clinical best practices training. Establishes the System of Care Advisory Council Training Fund separate and continuously appropriates funds to the Oregon Health Authority.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services

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
Oregon Health Authority		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$502,813	\$670,422
Services and Supplies	\$54,204	\$65,939
Total Fiscal Impact	\$557,017	\$736,361
Total Positions	3	3
Total FTE	2.25	3.00

Analysis:

HB 3333-4 replaces the introduced measure. The measure requires the System of Care Advisory Council to study the use of a just culture model during investigations of child-caring agencies. The Council's first report is due to the interim Legislative Committee on Human Services by December 15, 2023 and the second report is due by September 15, 2024.

The System of Care Advisory Council is directed to establish and administer a grant program to provide traumainformed training and training on clinical best practices for workers providing residential services to children in care. To fund the grant program, the measure establishes the System of Care Advisory Council Training Fund and appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to deposit into the fund for the 2023-25 biennium. Moneys in the System of Care Advisory Council Training Fund are continuously appropriated to OHA.

The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

The estimated fiscal impact on OHA for the 2023-25 biennium is \$557,017 General Fund and three positions (2.25 FTE) to implement the measure, exclusive of grant funding. Costs are associated with the following positions to support the System of Care Advisory Council in carrying out the provisions of the measure:

- One full-time permanent Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position (0.75 FTE) to establish and administer the grant program in conjunction with the System of Care Advisory Council. The position will also oversee, track, and monitor contracts and grants for compliance. This position will research training programs and serve as the primary contact for child caring agencies and behavioral health care providers with questions on trauma-informed practices, clinical best practices, and the just culture model.
- One full-time permanent Research Analyst 2 position (0.75 FTE) to track data and evaluate the outcomes of the required trainings.
- One full-time permanent Policy Analyst 3 position (0.75 FTE) for policy and procedure development, and research.

The fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority's budget for the 2025-27 biennium increases to \$736,361 General Fund, as the three positions increase to 1.00 FTE each. The fiscal impact will change if funding is appropriated for the grants.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Department of Human Services.

This measure establishes a new continuously appropriated fund and funds positions with General Fund. For this reason, the measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration.