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Measure Description:

Approves certain new or increased fees adopted by Oregon Health Authority.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 5526 -1 approves fees for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) that are new or increased for the 2023-25 biennium.

ORS 291.055(1)(e) requires fee changes between legislative sessions to be administratively approved by the Department of Administrative Services, and then ratified at the next regular session.

Four programs within OHA have established new fees or are increasing established fees:

- The Newborn Screening Program increased fees for various specimen test kits, which were last modified in 2019. The cost of screening kits containing one specimen are increasing from \$59 to \$100, and two/three specimen kits are increasing from \$80 to \$175. OHA estimates that over 85,000 kits will be screened in 2023-25, for a total of \$8.3 million in Other Funds revenue that supports the operating cost of the program.
- The Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELAP) increased fees for various assessment and applications related to the accreditation of drinking water, environmental, cannabis and psilocybin labs based on national standards. Most fees for ORELAP have not been increased since 1999, and the total increase in Other Funds revenue anticipated is \$1 million.
- The Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) Program is newly established and has adopted new fees for facilitator training curriculum approval, service center/manufacturer/laboratory application and licensing, facilitator applications, work permit applications, change requests, and civil penalties for non-compliance. The anticipated fee revenue for the OPS program in the 2023-25 biennium is \$4.1 million.
- The Health Care Market Oversight Program, a unit that reviews health care business deals to ensure they support statewide goals around equity, cost, access, and quality, established new fees to pay for the work of the program. These fees are tiered depending on the revenues of the organizations involved and are for preliminary reviews, comprehensive reviews, and emergency exemption reviews. The anticipated revenue from these fees is \$1.2 million in the 2023-25 biennium.

This bill contains no budget or expenditure limitation. The -1 amendment fixes an error in the original drafting of the bill that establishes a range of \$250-\$5,000 for civil penalties collected by the Oregon Health Authority instead of a single fee of \$250.