

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 487 - A**

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Measure Description:

Directs Oregon Health Authority to establish grant program to provide financial support to certified dental sealant programs that promote and engage in oral health care coordination activities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services, Oregon Health Sciences University, Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority, Board of Dentistry

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		
Services and Supplies	\$900,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$900,000	\$0
Department of Administrative Services		
General Fund		
Services and Supplies	\$900,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$900,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$1,800,000	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$1,800,000	\$0
<i>Total Positions</i>	0	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

SB 487-A directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a grant program for certified dental sealant programs. The measure grants OHA rulemaking authority and appropriates \$900,000 General Fund to be distributed proportionally based on the area the certified dental sealant program serves. The measure appropriates an additional \$900,000 General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to allocate to the Office of Rural Health.

The Office of Rural Health is directed to develop and implement a program that provides grants to individuals who enroll in a community dental health coordinator program and those who employ them. The measure requires 50% of the grants awarded by the Office of Rural Health be used to provide scholarships and tuition assistance and the other 50% must be awarded to eligible qualified employers. The measure grants the Office of Rural Health rulemaking authority for program development and the application process. The measure takes effect January 1, 2024.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact for OHA is \$900,000 General Fund for the 2023-25 biennium. OHA will implement the program using current staff in the Oral Health Program and will issue the grants as part of the Oral Health Program's existing certification program for local school dental sealant programs.

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

The fiscal impact for DAS is \$900,000 General Fund for the 2023-25 biennium. If the bill passes, DAS will distribute the \$900,000 General Fund to the Office of Rural Health. The administrative duty of allocating funds can be absorbed in the agency's current budget.

Oregon Health Sciences University - Office of Rural Health

The Office of Rural Health will receive a \$900,000 allocation to award 50% to qualified employers and 50% for scholarships tuition assistance. The Office of Rural Health is expected to absorb the cost of administering the grant program.

There is no fiscal impact for the Oregon Department of Education or Oregon Board of Dentistry.