

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2959 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Health Care Services in Oregon Schools to examine scope of duties of employment and practice for licensed health care providers employed by schools, school districts or education service districts to provide health care services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Legislative Assembly, School Districts, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 2959 - A creates the 12-member Task Force on Health Care Services in Oregon Schools, which is to study the scope of practice, and current policies and procedures regarding the scope of duties in relation to the scope of practice, for licensed health care providers employed by a school, school district or education service district to provide health care services; and establish criteria and provide recommendations to align the scope of practice and scope of duties. The task force is also to examine possible health record systems or characteristics of a health record system that may be adopted by a school, school district, education service district or Oregon Department of Education (ODE) that would enable school health care providers to maintain records of health-related information for students. The task force is to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than September 15, 2024. ODE is to provide staff support for the task force. The bill takes effect the 91st day after the Legislature adjourns sine die; the task force sunsets on December 31, 2024.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Two members of the task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Meetings are set by the chairperson and it is unknown how often the task force would meet. However, assuming that the task force meets 15 times during the approximate 12-month period until its report is due September 15, 2024, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs will total \$8,400. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, assumes the per diem remains at \$157 per day, and estimates an average mileage of 171 miles at the current rate of \$0.655 per mile. This estimate could change based on the number of meetings held. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during the Legislative Session, or Task Force or Legislative Days.

Although the 2023-25 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committees and task forces, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2023-25 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Other Agencies

There is minimal fiscal impact for the Oregon Department of Education to staff this task force, and to school districts for providing data; and no fiscal impact for Oregon Health Authority.