

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2927 - A**

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Measure Description:

Establishes Statewide Steering Committee on Sickle Cell Disease.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Oregon Health Authority

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	\$373,676	\$343,786
Services and Supplies	\$43,208	\$35,313
Special Payments	\$116,336	\$116,336
Total General Fund	\$533,220	\$495,435
Federal Funds		
Personal Services	\$58,090	\$77,456
Services and Supplies	\$7,011	\$8,523
Total Federal Funds	\$65,101	\$85,979
Total Fiscal Impact	\$598,321	\$581,414
<i>Total Positions</i>	3	2
<i>Total FTE</i>	2.00	2.00

Analysis:

HB 2927-A establishes the Statewide Steering Committee on Sickle Cell Disease within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The director of OHA will appoint up to 15 members to serve on the committee. The committee is directed to:

- Establish a statewide network of stakeholders who care for or treat individuals with sickle cell disease.
- Establish partnerships with relevant institutions and community groups.
- Provide education to individuals with sickle cell disease, health care providers and the public about sickle cell health care and treatment.
- Make recommendations regarding actions, studies, policies, laws/regulations to advance the care and treatment of individuals with sickle cell disease and identify funding sources to implement or support these recommendations.
- Conduct a study with OHA to improve services and care for individuals with sickle-cell disease and their providers and determine whether the state should establish a sickle cell registry. This report must be submitted to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly by June 30, 2024.

Members of the committee are not entitled to compensation but may be reimbursed with funds available to OHA for travel and other expenses incurred during their official duties. In conjunction with the committee, OHA is required to provide the following services for individuals with sickle cell disease and stakeholders, through community-based organizations or other means:

- Educational programs, social support, and information services.
- Testing and genetic counseling.
- Assistance applying for medical expense reimbursements.
- Education and counseling following a newborn screening for sickle cell disease or trait.
- Any other program or service that decreases the need for individuals with sickle cell disease to seek acute care services.

OHA must also maintain a resource webpage for health care providers to improve their understanding of sickle cell diseases. The measure directs OHA to conduct an annual review of medications, treatment plans, and services provided to individuals with sickle cell disease who receive medical assistance under the Oregon Health Plan. The measure requires health benefit plans offered in Oregon to cover fertility preservation for individuals with sickle cell disease and applies this change to health benefit plans issued, renewed, or extended on or after January 1, 2024.

The estimated fiscal impact of this measure totals \$598,321 total funds and three positions (2.00 FTE) in 2023-25 and \$581,414 total funds and two positions (2.00 FTE) in 2025-27. The anticipated position needs in 2023-25 include one full-time permanent Program Analyst 3 position (0.75 FTE) to assist the steering committee with administrative tasks, research, and coordination of commission meetings. Additionally, a full-time limited duration Research Analyst 4 (0.50 FTE) would assist the committee with completion of the mandated study, and one full-time permanent Research Analyst 3 position (0.75 FTE) would analyze the Oregon Health Plan data. The total 2023-25 personal services cost for these positions is \$373,676 General Fund and \$58,090 Federal Funds with \$43,208 General Fund and \$7,011 Federal Funds in position-related services and supplies costs. In 2025-27, the Program Analyst 3 position and the Research Analyst 3 position scale up to 1.00 FTE each and will have \$373,786 General Fund and \$77,456 in personal services costs with \$35,313 General Fund and \$8,523 Federal Funds in position-related services and supplies costs.

The estimated fiscal impact also includes \$116,336 General Fund to support the steering committee. This cost assumes a 15-member steering committee, including 1.00 FTE from OHA, 24 meetings and associated hosting costs, lodging for a portion of the meetings and reimbursable miles for committee members.