

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2445 - A**

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Measure Description:

Authorizes independent behavioral health certification entity that meets specified requirements to certify addiction peer support specialists to work with coordinated care organizations.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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		
Services and Supplies	\$167,100	\$0
Total General Fund	\$167,100	\$0
Other Funds		
Services and Supplies	\$1,496	\$0
Total Other Funds	\$1,496	\$0
Federal Funds		
Services and Supplies	\$2,779	\$0
Total Federal Funds	\$2,779	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$171,375	\$0
<i>Total Positions</i>	0	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

HB 2445-A defines the certification requirements for peer supports specialists working for coordinated care organizations (CCO). The measure authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to certify peer support specialists and adopt application and renewal procedures. The measure also allows independent behavioral health certification entities, operating within the state of Oregon, to certify peer support specialists as long as they are approved by OHA. In addition to the application process to be established by OHA, the measure requires individuals seeking certification to meet education and training requirements and have a completed criminal records check. The measure is effective January 1, 2024. The fiscal impact of the measure for 2023-25 is \$356,414 total funds and \$254,323 total funds for 2025-27.

Oregon Health Authority

The fiscal impact to implement the measure is a one-time cost of \$171,375 total funds. Costs include an estimated \$150,000 General Fund to contract with a behavioral health consultant in order to establish oversight standards, competencies and to evaluate and approve the independent certifying agencies. Additionally, an

estimated 75 hours consulting with DOJ is projected to consult on oversight and industry standards and rule development with a one-time charge of \$21,375 total funds.

This measure requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund resources.