

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires hospitals to establish technical and service staffing committees to develop staffing plans.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Bureau of Labor and Industries, Department of Justice, Oregon Health Authority

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure requires hospitals to establish a hospital technical staffing committee to develop a hospital-wide staffing plan with a focus on meeting the health care needs of patients. The measure describes the make up of the committee and meeting rules, and minimum requirements for staffing plans. Hospital staffing plans must be submitted to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) within 14 days of approval and OHA must review these plans and investigate compliance. The measure establishes requirements for the number and type of assigned patients per direct care nurse. OHA is directed to establish an online complaint portal to allow hospital staff to report on the hospital’s failure to adhere to their staffing plan. The measure requires home health agencies to establish a home health nurse staffing committee and prescribes responsibilities of the committee. The measure also requires home health agencies to create and submit home health staffing plans to OHA and describes requirements for the plans. The measure is effective January 1, 2024.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required