

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2977 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to establish a grant program for the purpose of distributing moneys to institutions of higher education and other organizations to develop programs that prepare students to enter the behavioral health workforce sector. Directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to establish a behavioral health workforce development program to promote workforce development in the behavioral health sector. Establishes an oversight council to assist the authority with identifying and eliminating systemic barriers to behavioral health workforce development. Appropriates General Fund to the authority and the commission.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Office of the Governor, Public Universities, Community Colleges, Oregon Health and Science University, Legislative Assembly, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Burns Paiute Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Coquille Indian Tribe, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Klamath Tribes, School Districts, Counties

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.

House Bill 2977 A-engrossed appropriates a total of \$10,000,000 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium, including \$5,000,000 to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and \$5,000,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). OHA must establish a grant program, including criteria and standards to apply for and receive grants, for the purpose of the distributing the appropriated funds to institutions of higher education and other organizations to develop training and instructional programs that prepare students to enter the behavioral health workforce. HECC must, in consultation with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board, establish a behavioral health workforce development program to promote workforce development in the behavioral health sector, which will be administered by local workforce development boards. The measure establishes an oversight council to assist OHA with identifying and eliminating systemic barriers to behavioral health workforce development. Both OHA and HECC must submit reports on the grants awarded to interim legislative committees related to health by September 1 each year. The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment *sine die*.

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