



Legislative Fiscal Office
82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly
2024 Regular Session

Prepared by: MaryMichelle Sosne
Reviewed by: Matt Stayner, Gregory Jolivette
Date: 2/14/2024

Bill Title: Relating to health care interpreters.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact

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

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish and maintain an interpreter management system and to enter into a contract with a nonprofit entity to develop and administer a health care interpreter recruitment and retention program. The purpose of the program is to recruit individuals to become trained as qualified and certified health care interpreters and to promote retention of certified health care interpreters within the health care interpreter profession. By January 1, 2025, OHA shall take all steps necessary to secure federal financial participation in the costs of directly reimbursing health care interpreters for health care interpretation services provided to medical assistance recipients.

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