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Bill Title: Relating to health; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact: Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description
The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to study the outcomes of providing gender-affirming treatment to individuals under 18 in Oregon. OHA must report its findings and any recommendations to the interim legislative committees related to health care by September 15, 2027. The measure is repealed on January 2, 2028.

Fiscal Analysis
The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate. As written, the measure may not provide sufficient time for staff recruitment, vendor procurement, data collection, and analysis. Typically, establishing and hiring a new position will take one month and the request for proposal process (RFP) can take six to eight months. Although the measure does not include a clause that permits OHA to take any action necessary prior to the effective date of the bill, the complexity and scope of the report would require at least one year to complete. To account for staff recruitment and the procurement process, the following fiscal analysis assumes an effective date of April 1, 2026. Should the measure pass and OHA be required to enact the bill, costs could increase significantly to compensate for the shortened time frame.

The fiscal impact for OHA is estimated to be $1.1 million General Fund and 3 limited duration full-time positions (1.89 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium and $249,838 General Fund and 3 positions (0.75 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium. New positions include:

- One Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position to serve as the subject matter expert and assist the vendor with Oregon specific policy analysis. Additionally, this position will engage with external partners and coordinate the transfer of data and information between other state agencies and boards.
- One Research Analyst 4 position to serve as the subject matter expert for OHA specific systems and data and provide data and analytical support to the contractor.
- One Project Manager 2 position to establish and monitor project deadlines.

Additional one-time costs include $500,000 General Fund to contract with a consultant to develop, research, and write the report using existing data and $14,080 General Fund for contract review and consultation with the Department of Justice.

Relevant Dates
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