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Measure Description:

Defines "natural nail care." Specifies that person who is certified to practice nail technology is authorized to practice natural nail care.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC); Board of Cosmetology, Oregon Health Licensing Office in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact

See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

House Bill 2587 differentiates the practice of "nail technology" from "natural nail care" by specifying that "natural nail care" does not include applying, sculpting or removing artificial nails, such as nail tips or forms, sculptured monomers and polymers or ultraviolet gel nails. The bill adds natural nail care as a separate field of practice under the oversight and regulation of the Board of Cosmetology within the Oregon Health Licensing Office. In addition, the bill requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to regulate the teaching of natural nail care, including providing guidelines for opting out of courses, practicum and testing relating to the application, sculpturing or removal of artificial nails.

Board of Cosmetology, Oregon Health Licensing Office in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Oregon Health Licensing Office is indeterminate depending on the volume of natural nail care licensing applications. If this bill becomes law, the Board of Cosmetology is required to approve certification examination of this new field of practice. The Board will need to revise applications, renewals and outreach materials to include natural nail care. The Board estimates this one-time cost to be \$6,893 Other Funds. Assuming that the Board receives 100 applications a biennium, the Board estimates costs to be approximately \$9,189 per biennium. The bill allows the Board to establish fees to cover the costs associated with the provisions of this bill. However, if this new certification results in an increase in licensing volume, the Oregon Health Licensing Office will need additional staffing.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's Private Career Schools unit is indeterminate depending on the number of new natural nail care program approval requests from new or existing schools. The bill requires the Private Career Schools unit to regulate the teaching of natural nail care, including providing curricular guidelines for programs of instructions, and natural nail care examination for certification. As a point of reference, HECC estimates that the cost to support a half-time Education Specialist 1 (0.50 FTE) to administer the program would be approximately \$133,236 Other Funds a biennium. The bill authorizes HECC to establish a fee of up to \$1,000 for new program approval to cover the costs associated with the provisions of this bill.