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Measure Description:

Requires members of Consumer Advisory Council who advise Director of Oregon Health Authority on provision of mental health services to be compensated by Oregon Health Authority for performing duties of council.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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:

Senate Bill 229 stipulates that the members of the Consumer Advisory Council that advises the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) director on the provision of mental health services by the Authority are entitled to compensation and to reimbursement of expenses. The Oregon Health Authority is required to pay for these expenses. The bill declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The Oregon Health Authority estimates the cost of stipends and expense reimbursements for the Council to be about \$90,200 for the 2015-17 biennium. OHA anticipates paying for these expenses with funds from the federal Mental Health Block Grant. The Federal Fund limitation for this expense is included in OHA's Addictions and Mental Health Division 2015-17 budget.