

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2021 - 5**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Oregon Health Authority to develop and implement pilot program through which authority and Department of Education provide services related to oral health education, use of fluoride varnish and daily brushing and flossing for children.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Education (ODE), school districts

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2015-17 Biennium</b>	<b>2017-19 Biennium</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$137,289
Services & Supplies	0	86,336
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$223,625</b>
Positions	0	3
FTE	0.00	1.04

**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 2021 with the – 5 amendment requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in conjunction with Oregon Department of Education (ODE), to develop and implement a pilot program during the 2017-18 school year providing services related to oral health education, use of fluoride varnish and daily brushing and flossing to children who are enrolled in kindergarten or first grade and attend public schools. OHA must administer fluoride varnish twice to each child participating in the pilot program. The bill specifies that OHA develop a process by which the parent or legal guardian of a child may opt out of all or part of the program. The bill authorizes OHA to select school districts to participate in the program. The bill sunsets on the convening of the 2019 regular Legislative session. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

OHA estimates the fiscal impact of launching this pilot project to administer fluoride varnish twice to each child participating in the program to be \$223,625 General Fund and 1.04 FTE for the 2017-19 biennium. This amount reflects the Personal Services and related Services & Supplies for three limited duration positions (0.31 FTE Registered Dental Hygienist to serve as the Program Coordinator charged with developing and implementing the program; 0.42 FTE Office Specialist to perform data collection and entry from contracted providers and process parent permission forms; 0.31 FTE Research Analyst to collect and evaluate the data generated, as well as to help develop the evaluation report required by September 15, 2018). The pricing also includes contracts with dental professionals to apply the fluoride varnish, printing of permission forms, and dental supplies. As worded, it is unclear whether the bill intends for the pilot program to only “provide services” or to also educate. Because of this uncertainty,

this pricing does not include the cost of materials and personnel for educating participating children about fluoride, and daily flossing and brushing.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and school districts

The fiscal impact of this bill to the ODE is minimal. The bill requires the ODE to assist OHA in carrying out the provisions of this bill. ODE anticipates using existing staff and resources to provide this assistance.