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Measure Description:

Establishes Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee to conduct studies and reviews of incidence of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	31,382	255,533
Services & Supplies	14,820	150,600
Total General Fund	\$46,202	\$406,133
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.17	1.50

Analysis:

HB 4133 with the -4 amendment creates the 11-15 member Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) charged with making policy and budget recommendations to reduce incidence of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in Oregon. The committee must submit a report on its progress to the legislature by January 1, 2019. The committee must study and review incidence of maternal mortality by July 1, 2019, and severe maternal morbidity by July 1, 2021. The committee must submit the first biennial report on the state's maternal mortality data to an interim committee of the legislature by January 1, 2021. This report must include aggregated data related to cases of maternal mortality in Oregon, as well as policy and budget recommendations.

OHA estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$46,202 General Fund, 1 position, 0.17 FTE for 4 months of the 2017-19 biennium; and \$406,133 General Fund, 1 positions, 1.50 FTE for the 2019-21 biennium.

To support the committee, OHA anticipates establishing one Operations & Policy Analyst 3 position (starting March 1, 2019) to work with the committee chair to convene review meetings and establish committee workplans. This position would also work with data analysts and epidemiologists to compile the status of cases for review, as well as draft committee reports. After the preliminary work of committee is underway, OHA anticipates assigning an existing Research Analyst 3 position (starting July 1, 2019) to comprehensively identify pregnancy-associated deaths through birth records, death records and other data linkages and work with the case abstractor to continue case analyses. Included in the Services & Supplies amount are information technology costs for data storage as well as access to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA), and contract costs for a case abstractor to gather information from medical and other records pertinent to each case for analysis.

Included in the 2019-21 biennium amount above is the General Fund needed to cover \$75,156 Other Funds direct charge for the Office of Information Services (OIS) to cover the cost of installing and configuring the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application as well as to provide ongoing support of upgrades, troubleshooting, and liaison CDC technical staff.