

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 141 - 1**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority to establish or contract for establishment of statewide mental health crisis support access line to facilitate specified services for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	132,044	
Services and Supplies	29,817	
Special Payments	3,919,070	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$4,080,931</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Positions	1	
FTE	0.67	

**Analysis:**

SB 141 with the -1 amendment appropriates \$4,000,000 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to award grants to hospitals in Oregon to establish, maintain, or contract with a third party to provide a process for providing caring contacts to patients who present in the emergency department with suicidal ideation or attempted suicide. In addition, the measure requires OHA to study the barriers that limit the availability of appropriate follow-up care for patients released from a hospital following treatment for a behavioral health crisis. OHA must develop recommendations to remove barriers and increase patient access to providers. OHA must report to the Legislature by October 15, 2020. Provisions relating the grants to hospitals and conducting the study sunset on June 30, 2021.

OHA estimates the fiscal impact of this measure to be \$4,080,931 General Fund and one position (0.67 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium. Personal Services and related services and supplies reflect one limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position for 16 months. This position will work half-time on the hospital grant program and half-time on the study. Because the measure specifies that the \$4,000,000 must be expended on the hospital grant program, half the cost of the position is not subtracted from the \$4,000,000 appropriation. In addition to developing request for proposals, managing contracts for the grant program, this position will work with existing staff and stakeholders to study the barriers that limit the availability of appropriate follow-up care for patients released from a hospital following treatment for a behavioral health crisis.

This measure requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund resources and position establishment.