

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2269 - 1

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Measure Description:

Requires Oregon Health Authority, in consultation with stakeholders, to propose to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health, by January 1, 2020, long term solutions to financing health care in Oregon.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Department of Revenue (DOR), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Health Care to the House Committee on Revenue.

The measure creates the Employer Participation Program in the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to ensure access to health care by low-income workers by collecting contributions from employers that do not otherwise meet a minimum threshold of spending on health care for their employees. The measure requires the Department of Revenue (DOR), in collaboration with DCBS, to prescribe by rule requirements for covered employers to report to DOR the employer’s health care expenditures and the employer’s required health care expenditure. The measure authorizes DOR to impose a civil penalty on any covered employer that fails to report to the department the employer’s health care expenditures or the employer’s required health care expenditure.

The measure establishes the Health Care Access Fund for deposit of employer contributions and civil penalties. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to DCBS to be used to provide financial assistance to eligible workers. Moneys that exceed the amount needed to provide financial assistance to eligible workers must be transferred to the Oregon Health Authority’s Medical Assistance Programs.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of Revenue, the Oregon Judicial Department, and the Oregon Health Authority.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the House Committee on Revenue.

Further Analysis Required