

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires long term care facilities and residential care facilities providing care to six or more residents to adopt specified protocols and procedures regarding preventing and reporting disease outbreaks.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Health Care to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure requires long term care facilities, residential care facilities, and adult foster homes to adopt protocols and procedures for preventing and reporting disease outbreaks. These establishments must designate a qualified person to be responsible for the protocols, and to serve as a contact for the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) regarding outbreaks. Passage of the measure will require DHS to:

- Prescribe, by rule, in consultation with OHA, the requirements for training on how to prevent and contain outbreaks, and the responsibility of staff members to report outbreaks. The measure stipulates the timing of the training and requires that DHS make online training available.
- Communicate regularly with facilities and adult foster homes to recommend best practices and protocols for preventing and responding to disease outbreaks.
- Provide notification to facilities and adult foster homes in a community where there is an elevated risk of outbreak.
- Conduct annual onsite inspections of facilities’ kitchens and food preparation areas. This inspection is in addition to other inspections require by law. The bill authorizes DHS to charge the facility a fee for inspection of up to \$200. Fees collected are to be deposited into the Quality Care Fund and continuously appropriated to DHS to conduct the required inspection of facilities’ kitchens and food preparation areas.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority. The Long Term Care Ombudsman is subject to some reporting and training requirements under this bill.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required