

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires hospital-affiliated clinics to have a written financial assistance policy consistent with the financial assistance policy of its affiliated hospital. Directs Oregon Health to establish an advisory committee to analyze and make recommendations regarding community benefit reporting and financial assistance policies.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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 Rules.

The measure requires hospital-affiliated clinics to have a written financial assistance policy consistent with the financial assistance policy of its affiliated hospital, and that provides for financial assistance to cover all costs of emergency services and medically necessary health services for a patient whose household income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

In addition, the measure directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish an advisory committee to analyze and make recommendations to OHA regarding community benefit reporting and financial assistance policies. The committee is charged with recommending:

- Best practices for charity care discounts and hospital billing collections, including recommendations for patients with household incomes above 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty guidelines;
- Best practices for community benefit programs; and
- One or more methods for evaluating the impact of community benefit programs in local communities.

The measure authorizes OHA to require hospitals to provide certain information and data to inform the work of the committee. The measure prohibits OHA from requiring a hospital to invest in specific types of community benefits.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on 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 Rules.

Further Analysis Required