

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires nonprofit hospitals and hospital systems to establish financial assistance policies meeting specified criteria.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

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 with the -3 amendment establishes consumer rights with respect to billing and charges for hospital services, and requires nonprofit hospitals and hospital systems, with the exception of hospitals operated by state or federal governments, to:

- Establish financial assistance policies meeting specified criteria.
- Provide the public an opportunity to participate in the community health needs assessment and the development of the three-year strategy in accordance with section 501(r)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Post certain information on the entity’s website.
- Annually report specified information to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

The measure directs OHA to:

- Work with hospital systems to develop best practices and reporting for financial assistance policies and discounts and for hospital billing and collections.
- Evaluate the impact of hospital community benefit programs on access to health care, health outcomes, health disparities and health equity and how the hospitals’ investments in community benefits align with community health improvement plans.
- Establish qualitative and quantitative spending floors for each hospital. The measure specifies remedies and penalties for hospitals and hospital systems failing to meet spending floor.

The measure stipulates that insurers cannot prohibit hospitals from waiving all or part of copayments or deductibles as a condition of reimbursement for services under policy or certificate of insurance.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS).

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