

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 856 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: 4/4/2019**Measure Description:**

Establishes Oregon Office of New Americans in Governor's office.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Office of the Governor, Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:**Office of the Governor**

| General Fund | 2019-21 Biennium | 2021-23 Biennium |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Personal Services | \$548,068 | \$657,679 |
| Services and Supplies | 93,240 | 93,240 |
| Total General Fund | \$641,308 | \$750,919 |
| Positions | 4 | 4 |
| FTE | 3.32 | 4.00 |

Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office

| General Fund | 2019-21 Biennium | 2021-23 Biennium |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Personal Services | \$109,886 | \$146,512 |
| Services and Supplies | 29,690 | 29,690 |
| Total General Fund | \$139,576 | \$176,202 |
| Positions | 2 | 2 |
| FTE | 0.76 | 1.00 |

Analysis:

The measure would establish the Oregon Office of New Americans within the Office of the Governor. The office would coordinate government and nonprofit services available to new immigrants. The measure would require the Governor to appoint no fewer than three individuals to provide social services, training, and counseling services to new immigrants. The office would also provide data, analysis, and information to government agencies, social service agencies, and the public to better understand and meet the needs of immigrant communities. Specifically, the office would compile a database on migration and immigration numbers and patterns, immigrants' countries of origin, immigrants' professional skills and degrees, gaps in services provided to immigrants, and the concerns and needs of immigrant communities. The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) would be required to coordinate with businesses, institutions of higher education, licensing agencies, and resettlement agencies to streamline recredentialing and job reentry for immigrants and refugees. OACO would be required to appoint at least one person to facilitate the recredentialing process, including providing grants and analysis.

Office of the Governor (the Governor's Office):

The Governor's Office would need four permanent, full-time staff (3.32 FTE in 2019-21, 4.00 FTE in 2021-23) to implement the measure. The Governor's Office would specifically need one Executive Support Specialist 2 (0.83 FTE in 2019-21, 1.00 FTE in 2021-23), two Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (1.66 FTE in 2019-21, 2.00 FTE in 2021-23), and one Principal Executive/Manager G (0.83 FTE in 2019-21, 1.00 FTE in 2021-23). The Governor's Office would incur an additional \$641,308 General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium and \$750,919 General Fund in the 2021-23 biennium.

Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO):

OACO would need two permanent, part-time staff (0.76 FTE in 2019-21, 1.00 in 2021-23) to implement the measure. OACO would specifically need one Office Specialist 1 (0.38 FTE in 2019-21, 0.50 FTE in 2021-23) and one Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (0.38 FTE in 2019-21, 0.50 FTE in 2021-23). OACO would incur an additional \$139,576 General Fund in the 2019-21 biennium and \$176,202 General Fund in the 2021-23 biennium.

The measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the Governor's Office and OACO.