

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 283 A

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to prepare and make available statement that discloses potential health risks of wireless network technology and requires public and private schools to distribute statement to employees, students and parents or guardians of students.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), Education Service Districts (ESD), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund	\$124,025	
Total Funds	\$124,025	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.50	

Analysis: This bill requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to review peer-reviewed scientific studies of the health effects of exposure to microwave radiation, particularly exposure that results from wireless network technologies in schools. A report including the results of the review is to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly no later than January 2, 2021. The bill also appropriates \$10,000 General Fund to OHA to carry out the review.

Based on information provided by OHA, the agency does not have adequate resources in the Radiation Protection Services program to perform the work and will require one Epidemiologist 2 (0.50 FTE) to perform the literature review and make appropriate mitigation recommendations.

Depending upon the mitigation recommendations, School Districts and Education Service Districts may see a fiscal impact due to this bill. The scope or scale is indeterminate at this time. The Oregon Department of Education does not anticipate a fiscal impact due to this bill as amended.