

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2441 A

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Measure Description:

Requires school districts to provide coordinated comprehensive school counseling program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), Education Service Districts (ESD), School Districts, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis: The bill allows for school social workers (SSW) to be hired into school counseling positions. It defines a process for adoption of Comprehensive School Counseling Programs (CSCPs) standards by the State Board of Education. It also directs the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to coordinate with educator preparation providers to enhance training in SSW pre-service programs to ensure SSWs are properly qualified to be hired as SSWs or School Counselors (SC).

School Districts report that the number of additional SSWs and SCs that would need to be hired and the number current SSWs and SCs do not meet the requirements is unknown.

Teachers Standards and Practices Commission and the Oregon Department of Education anticipate a minimal fiscal impact.

At this time, all the ramifications of this measure cannot be fully predicted and therefore the fiscal impact cannot be determined.