

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4127 - 2

80th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2020 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

Prepared by: Kim To
Reviewed by: Tom MacDonald, Doug Wilson
Date: February 7, 2020

Measure Description:

Directs school districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health as part of health education curriculum.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 4127 with the -2 amendment:

- Requires each school district to provide age-appropriate instruction in oral health for students in kindergarten through grade 12 by July 1, 2025.
- Directs the State Board of Education to consult with dental health professionals and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to adopt health education content standards by September 1, 2024.
- Establishes the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund to receive sources of public and private revenue awarded or otherwise available to support the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program.
- Requires OHA to establish and maintain a Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program to support school-based oral health programs through the deployment of up to four community dental health coordinators, effective January 1, 2022, if the balance in the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund is at least \$200,000.
- Prohibits OHA from reducing a global budget or denying reimbursement for the costs claimed by a coordinated care organization (CCO) to provide care coordination or other social services relating to improving access for students to school-based oral health services.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact in 2019-21 for OHA because the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program is not operative until January 1, 2022 and only if at least \$200,000 is available in the Community Dental Health Coordinator Pilot Program Fund on that date. For 2021-23, the estimated fiscal impact is up to \$1,068,437 Other Funds and one position (1.00 FTE), which assumes the maximum four community dental health coordinators are deployed. These amounts reflect:

1. The cost of one Program Analyst 2 position to create, develop, coordinate, and maintain the administration of the pilot program.
2. Contractual costs of up to \$850,000 for the maximum four community health coordinators. These costs will be lower if fewer community health coordinators are deployed.

Although the fiscal impact is reflected in Other Funds, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that General Fund may be requested to implement the program if OHA cannot raise sufficient funding from other sources.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE), School Districts

The fiscal impact of this bill on ODE, school districts, and the State Board of Education is anticipated to be minimal.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its future budgetary impact.