FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Judicial Department to establish Family Treatment Court Program in Clackamas and Douglas counties to improve outcomes in child welfare cases resulting from parent's or caregiver's alleged substance use disorder.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Public Defense Services Commission (PDSC)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 4040 requires the Judicial Department to establish Family Treatment Court Programs (FTCPs) in Clackamas County and Douglas County. Unless extended, the programs will sunset at the end of 2026.

The purpose of an FTCP is to improve outcomes in child welfare cases that result from a parent's or caregiver's alleged substance use disorder. The program seeks to minimize or eliminate the amount of time a child requires protective custody and to protect children from abuse and neglect by addressing the comprehensive needs of children, parents and family members. This is accomplished through an integrated, court-based collaboration of court, child welfare, treatment and social service providers who work as a team to achieve timely decisions, coordinated treatment and ancillary services, judicial oversight and safe and permanent placements.

Oregon Judicial Department

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Oregon Judicial Department of \$497,536 General Fund, including 6 positions (1.92 FTE) for the 2019-2021 biennium; and 1,218,869 General Fund and 6 positions (5.00 FTE) for the 2021-2023 biennium. OJD staff include a Program Coordinator and support staff for each courthouse to coordinate services, Staff Counsel and support staff provide regular training programs, mentoring programs, planning and technical assistance, and an OJD Analyst 4 to draft standards and practices and produce reports on performance measures and other data points.

Department of Human Services

For the 2019-21 biennium, the measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Department of Human Services in the amount of \$1,037,328 General Fund and \$139,014 Federal Funds for 11 positions (2.75 FTE). For the 2021-23 biennium, the impact is estimated at \$3,704,719 General Fund and \$444,887 Federal Funds and 11 positions (11.00 FTE).

Public Defense Services Commission

The Public Defense Services Commission (OPDS) will establish Parent Child Representation Programs (PCRP) in the two counties. For the 2019-21 biennium, OPDS estimates personal services costs of \$123,339 General Fund for 2 positions (0.50 FTE), a Program Analyst 4 to manage the additional contracts and a Program Analyst 1 to analyze expense requests. For the 2021-23 biennium, personal services costs would be \$471,226 General Fund for four positions (4.00 FTE). Payments for attorneys and other supports associated with implementation of PCRP

in Clackamas and Douglas counties are estimated to be \$1,322,748 General Fund for 2019-2021 and \$5,290,994 General Fund for 2021-2023.