

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Regulates use of chemical incapacitants, kinetic impact projectiles and sound devices by law enforcement agencies.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon State Police (OSP), Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Counties, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See analysis

Analysis:

The measure regulates the use of chemical incapacitants, kinetic impact projectiles, strobe lights, and sound devices by law enforcement. It also creates a private cause of action for people injured by the use of these devices by law enforcement and declares a violation of this act a crime of official misconduct in the first degree. This measure prohibits law enforcement from acting in concert with another agency or proxy law enforcement to engage in conduct barred by statute or court order. Finally, it eliminates immunity from claims under the Oregon Tort Claims Act.

Oregon Judicial Department

OJD anticipates a minimal fiscal impact. The measure adds to the crime of official misconduct in the second degree, there may be an increase in persons charged with this crime, and additional cases filed in circuit court. OJD notes that the average cost per misdemeanor case filed is \$584. There may also be an increase in cases due to the change in Section 4 which removes immunity for public bodies and their officers, employees, and agents acting within the scope of their employment or duties for any claim arising out of riot, civil commotion, or mob action.

Oregon State Police

OSP anticipates a fiscal impact from this measure due to the new restrictions and changes it creates. The agency anticipates needing to add two positions: one Lieutenant to the Professional Standards Section to handle additional investigations related to crowd control response and one Sergeant to handle the training and coordination of the new crowd control guidelines. In order to accommodate diverse populations, the agency also anticipates needing to purchase a wheelchair accessible van to transport an arrested individual that is in a wheelchair. The agency may also need to hire sign language interpreters during protests. Total estimated costs for this measure is \$2,169,827 General Fund in the 2021-2023 biennium and \$771,827 General Fund in the 2023-2025 biennium.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

This measure does not have a fiscal impact on DPSST.

Counties

The fiscal impact on counties is indeterminate at this time but may be significant based on increased liability and the cost of defense associated with law enforcement response to riots and crowds.

Cities

The League of Oregon Cities anticipates an indeterminate fiscal impact from this measure.