

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2348 - 3**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires hospitals and long term care facilities to make available to patients, residents, staff and visitors plant-based meals and beverages.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Corrections (DOC), Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>	<b>2023-25 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$711,750	\$949,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$711,750</b>	<b>\$949,000</b>
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

**Analysis:**

HB 2348 - 3 requires a hospital or long-term care facility to make 100 percent plant-based meals available to patients, residents, staff, and visitors, starting June 1, 2022. The measure further requires that the Department of Corrections (DOC) make 100 percent plant-based meals available to all adults in custody in department facilities every time a meal is served; there is no operative date so this requirement is assumed to take effect on January 1, 2022.

DOC estimates that total costs of this measure will be \$711,750 General Fund in 2021-23, and \$949,000 General Fund in 2023-25. This estimate is based on an additional cost of \$1 per meal to provide plant-based meals, and demand for the meals totaling 1,300 meals per day. The estimated demand is based on the current demand for other meal types that are currently offered by DOC, but it is possible that demand could be greater than the numbers included here. DOC currently serves approximately 37,500 meals per day.

There is no fiscal impact for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, Department of Human Services, or Oregon Health Authority.

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