

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 12 - 1

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Measure Description:

Requires benefit plans offered by Public Employees' Benefit Board and Oregon Educators Benefit Board to cover certain costs related to travel to Mexico or Canada to fill and refill prescriptions.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
Other Funds	80,000	0
Total Funds	\$80,000	\$0
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

SB 12 - 1 directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to conduct a study of the possibilities for importation of pharmaceuticals from Mexico and Canada for public employees, and the possibilities for health insurance coverage for public employees to travel to Mexico or Canada to get pharmaceuticals. The results of the report are to be submitted to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.

The Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), which administer health care plans for state, higher education, and K-12 school employees, would conduct this study. Costs are estimated at \$80,000 to \$120,000 Other Funds, with half paid by PEBB and half by OEBB. PEBB's costs are supported by the premiums paid by state agencies and universities, and the costs for OEBB are supported primarily by the premiums paid by the K-12 school system.

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