

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3039 - 4

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Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: April 7, 2021**Measure Description:**

Requires Oregon Health Authority, in coordination with Department of Human Services, to convene one or more groups of stakeholders and experts to study and make recommendations regarding electronic referral system for social services and statewide health information exchange.

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
General Fund	\$563,392	\$0
Federal Funds	176,386	0
Total Funds	\$739,778	\$0
Positions	2	0
FTE	1.66	0.00

Analysis:

HB 3039- 4 directs the Health Information Technology Oversight Council within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to convene one or more groups of stakeholder and relevant experts. These groups are to explore options to adopt statewide integrated health information and community information exchanges to allow coordination of social services and health care across all delivery systems. Groups are also to explore how community information exchanges support and can be best implemented in services of health equity for individuals and community-based organizations which serve individuals with specific cultural and linguistic needs; determine how to best use data from the health information and community information exchanges to inform policy decision and funding allocations; explore the impact of federal rules regarding patient access to data and data blocking; whether and how software could be used to expand patient access to their health information; incentives to support the adoption of electronic health records by providers without that technology; and to evaluate whether legislative changes are needed to drive statewide participation in health information and community information exchanges. OHA is to provide staff support to the groups and may provide stipends to any group members to facilitate their participation.

The Council is to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health and human services on the status of the stakeholder groups no later than December 15, 2021; and to provide a draft report and then a final report to these same committees no later than October 1, 2022, and January 31, 2023 respectively, which outlines recommendations for legislative changes to implement statewide health information and community information exchanges. This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage, and sunsets February 28, 2023.

OHA anticipates costs of \$739,778 total funds in 2021-23 which includes \$563,3982 General Fund and \$176,386 Federal Fund. OHA would hire two limited-duration, full-time positions, including an Operations and Policy Analyst 4 and an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (both 0.82 FTE in 2021-23). These positions would work with stakeholder groups and provide legislative reporting. Total costs of these positions are estimated at \$452,278 General Fund, including position-related Services and Supplies.

Additional costs include an estimated \$275,000 General Fund for consultants to assist with communications, meeting facilitation, and analyze costs and policy. There are additional minimal costs for stipends for stakeholder participants, and meeting costs.

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