

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2575 - A4

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Justice to establish program for awarding grants to law enforcement agencies and local governments for training of groups and agencies that interact with persons who have experienced trauma.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2575 appropriates General Fund resources to the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a program to provide grants to local agencies for trauma-informed training and for the development of training programs that take into account the effects of trauma. The model training program becomes operative July 1, 2022, and the grant program would become operative on July 1, 2023 until January 1, 2024. The measure further directs DOJ to work with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to develop best practices for future trauma-informed trainings. The measure requires DPSST to review and update training protocols to meet these standards for all police officers who enter the training academy operated by DPSST. The best practices, training review and update is operative January 1, 2023. The measure takes effect the 91st day following sine die.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

The Department of Justice anticipates a fiscal impact from this measure. DOJ would be responsible for administering grants to local agencies and developing the trauma-informed trainings. DOJ estimates that in addition to the grant moneys that the agency will distribute, the agency anticipates the need for additional staff and to hire an outside vendor to design model training. DOJ costs would be in addition to the amounts of the grants as the measure does not allow the agency to use grant funds to pay for administrative costs. The -A4 amendment appropriates \$960,000 to DOJ for the purposes of the bill.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training may have a minimal fiscal from this measure. DPSST currently employs a full-time Behavioral Health Coordinator, who is a licensed clinical social worker and has expertise in trauma-informed practices who can assist with developing and delivering trauma-informed training specific to law enforcement professionals. DPSST believes that provisions of this bill can be implemented by the agency using existing staff and resources.

Oregon State Police (OSP)

The cost of this measure to OSP would be minimal. Any additional costs for the training required in this measure could be absorbed within current resources, with the assumption that additional training for current law

enforcement personnel would be incorporated into their regularly scheduled in-service training. New sworn personnel would receive appropriate training through DPSST during recruit school.

Cities and Counties

There would be an indeterminate fiscal impact to the counties from this measure for adopting the best practices developed by DPSST and DOJ. There would be no fiscal impact to the cities from this measure.