

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Corrections and local correctional facilities to assess and address health care needs of persons in custody upon intake.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections (DOC), Counties, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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 directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish a healthcare navigator pilot program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The measure requires that no later than 48 hours after intake, staff will assess the individual healthcare needs, address any immediate medical needs and contact the individual’s primary healthcare provider. The measure also requires that DOC provide a copy of the individual’s medical records upon release.

As part of the pilot program, the measure requires OHA to establish healthcare navigator positions within the facility to support intake and assessment processes and assist adults in custody (AIC) who receive a health risk score classified as high risk or moderate risk. To comply with these requirements, OHA would need one Operations and Policy Analyst 4 (1.00 FTE) and two Operations and Policy Analyst 2 positions (2.00 FTE) to create standards of care within Coffee Creek, assess immediate medical needs and personal healthcare needs, and determine the appropriate healthcare provider. In addition, these positions would assist assigned AICs with receiving care, advocating for their care, and assisting with transitions between facilities. The total cost for OHA is \$567,057 General Fund in 2021-23 and \$744,486 in 2023-25.

DOC states that until greater information on the impact to treatment and staffing is known, the fiscal impact is indeterminate. DOC estimates additional medical, behavioral, and support staff to meet the 48-hour assessment guidelines. DOC may also need additional staff to manage medical records for AICs, track and monitor appeals, and provide resolution to those appeals. Due to space constraints, DOC would need to add office space for the health navigators to meet individually with AICs. In addition, DOC would need additional corrections officers for transport security and building security. Until the needs of the pilot program are better known, the final fiscal impact is indeterminate, but DOC has estimated the impact at approximately \$6.0 million General Fund.

Counties do not anticipate a fiscal impact due to this measure.

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