

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 4 - A

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Measure Description:

Modifies requirements related to the System of Care Advisory Council.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

SB 4 - A directs the System of Care Advisory Council to appoint an Executive Director. The Executive Director may employ staff to carry out duties assigned. This measure removes the requirement that the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in coordination with the Department of Human Services (DHS), provide staff support to the Council.

On or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year, the Council, DHS, and OHA are to submit a joint report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to youth, describing moneys appropriated or otherwise made available to these entities to allow them to provide, or provide access to, certain services. The first report is due December 31, 2021.

Under this measure, the Council may submit proposals for legislative measures, and must submit an Agency Request Budget at the time and in the manner prescribed under ORS 291.208, which states that “each state agency shall file with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, before September 1 in each even-numbered year in the manner required, an agency request budget containing the information required.”

The Council may also request proposed budget forms from participating state agencies so that the Council may review the budgets; the Council may make recommendations to agency or to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) regarding the proposed expenditures. Participating state agencies are defined as entities within state government whose cost are paid in whole or in part from funds held in the State Treasury, and who provide services and supports that are part of the state system of care, or provide services or resources to the Council.

The Council and participating state agencies are to enter into interagency agreements to provide staff and resources to assist the Council, share computer systems and technologies, collect and analyze data related to the state system of care, or investigate the effectiveness of the Council’s proposals and recommendations. Moneys appropriated or otherwise made available to the Council or OHA to support the Council may not be expended except as directed by the Council. This measure also clarifies that OHA may not spend moneys from the System of Care Account except as directed by the Council.

This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

There is an indeterminate impact from this measure. While the measure does not explicitly state whether the Executive Director position is to be established within OHA, this summary assumes the position would be housed in the agency. The impact to the OHA budget is indeterminate, but potentially minimal. Given the provisions in this measure clarifying that moneys appropriated to the Council may not be expended except as directed by the Council, the Council could determine to prioritize its budget for this purpose.

This measure has no fiscal impact for DHS or DAS.