

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3035 - B

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Corrections Medical Care.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections (DOC), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 3035 B-Engrossed establishes the 11-member Task Force on Corrections Medical Care charged with conducting a review of:

- The process by which adults in custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) file grievances concerning access to and the provision of medical care.
- The current medical care standards of care in DOC to determine whether the standards align with the right of adults in custody to community-level medical care.
- The timelines and goals for the adoption of an electronic health records system by DOC.

The Task Force is required to submit a report to the Legislature by September 15, 2022. The Task Force sunsets on June 30, 2023. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2021.

Department of Corrections (DOC)

Beginning December 31, 2021 and every six months thereafter, DOC is required to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary and health care the following information:

1. The Department's progress on the adoption of an electronic health records system;
2. The number of grievances filed by adults in custody concerning the provision of medical care;
3. The medical services available to adults in custody within department facilities; and
4. If applicable, the progress and impact of a DOC program that assigns health care navigators to adults in custody.

In addition, the measure directs DOC, in consultation with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary and health care by December 31, 2022 the health outcomes concerning all adults in the DOC custody. DOC will use existing staff and resources to participate on the Task Force and to comply with reporting requirements.

Legislative Assembly

Four members of the Joint Task Force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the four legislative members is expected to be approximately \$7,300 General Fund. Although the 2021- 23 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, if the work required by this Task Force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2021-23 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

The Legislative Policy and Research (LPRO) Director is directed to provide staff support to the Task Force. The 2021-23 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO staffing support of interim committees and task forces.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Passage of this measure is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on OHA. The agency will reprioritize staffing responsibilities and resources to consult with DOC.