

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4013 - 3

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Human Services to award grants for unaccompanied homeless youth services, homeless youth higher education access, and homeless youth independent residence facilities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Public Universities, Community Colleges, Department of Human Services (DHS)

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	\$1,222,500	\$2,131,056
Total Funds	\$1,222,500	\$2,131,056
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.31	0.50

Analysis:

HB 4013 - 3 appropriates a total of \$1.2 million General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for grants to assist homeless youth. Costs of continuing these grant programs into the 2023-25 biennium are estimated at \$2.1 million General Fund.

Of these funds, \$437,500 General Fund is appropriated in 2021-23 to the existing Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Grant Program, for services in communities where services for unaccompanied homeless youth are severely constrained or absent. This measure also expands eligibility for grant recipients that provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth.

This measure also expands eligibility to current or former homeless youth for tuition and fee waivers for undergraduate education, starting in the 2022-23 academic year, and appropriates \$35,000 General Fund to provide grants to programs that will assist homeless youth in accessing the tuition and fee waiver program or the homeless youth independent residence facility program.

Finally, this measure expands eligibility for independent residence facilities to people between the ages of 16 and 24 who have experienced homelessness for an aggregate of six months since turning 14, and last received services from a homelessness or host home organization contracted with DHS since turning 16. This measure appropriates \$750,000 General Fund to implement the provisions related to the homeless youth independent residence facilities program. DHS estimates that this amount is sufficient to serve 50 people per month at an average cost of \$1,000 per person, per month.

DHS is directed to include recommendations for legislation to reduce the numbers of youth experiencing homelessness by 25% over a five-year period in its annual report to interim legislative committees required under ORS 417.799. Recommendations must include descriptions of new programs to address youth homelessness or options for extending access to existing adult programs to youth, together with estimates of additional funding necessary to implement or extend the proposed programs. The report must also include a projected 20-year estimate of cost savings to state and local health, education, corrections, and public safety programs if the 25% reduction in youth homelessness over five years were to be achieved; the annual report is due on or before September 15, 2022.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

The Department of Human Services anticipates hiring one permanent, part-time Administrative Specialist 2 at a total cost of \$68,178 General Fund in 2021-23 (\$47,231 in Personal Services, \$20,947 in Services and Supplies) and \$100,859 General Fund in 2023-25 (\$74,295 in Personal Services, \$26,564 in Services and Supplies). This position will assist with program support and payment processing.

Public Universities and community colleges anticipate a minimal fiscal impact. Assuming a 10% participation level and assuming full Pell and Oregon Opportunity Grant support, public universities estimate the incremental cost to educate to be \$64,496 Other Funds in the 2021-23 biennium; and \$125,079 in the 2023-25 biennium.

There is minimal or no fiscal impact for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and Housing and Community Services Department. There is an indeterminate impact for the Oregon Health Sciences University.