

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 1528**81st Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2022 Regular Session  
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**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Human Services to provide specified services to individuals with brain injuries and to convene Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Human Services (DHS)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Analysis:**

SB 1528 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide service coordination, resource facilitation, advocacy, and options counseling to individuals with brain injuries. Services do not include institutionalization, hospitalization, or medication. DHS may contract with or provide grants to third parties to provide services.

DHS is also directed to convene a six- to 12- member Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee to advise on development of traumatic brain injury programs, services, and other activities for individuals with traumatic brain injuries. Committee members are entitled to compensation. DHS is to report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means and the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health or human services each odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly on the types of services provided, number of people served, barriers to accessing services, and needs that are not being met for people with traumatic brain injuries.

This measure includes a blank General Fund appropriation for DHS. This measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The Department of Human Services anticipates that implementing this measure would require the agency to convene the Advisory Committee, potentially set up a referral program with hospitals for newly diagnosed individuals with brain injuries, determine services provided, and set up a call center and/or website to provide centralized services to Oregonians.

The agency anticipates that setting up this program would require 12 new positions (5.28 FTE in 2021-23 and 12.00 FTE in 2023-25) at a total cost of \$1.18 million General Fund in the 2021-23 biennium and \$2.46 million General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium. Three of the positions (all 0.63 FTE in 2021-23 and 1.00 FTE in 2023-25) would work on program design, and include:

- One Principal Executive Manager - D for program oversight.
- One Operations and Policy Analyst 3 to staff the advisory committee, adopt rules, and provide technical expertise.
- One Administrative Specialist 1 for program support.

Additionally, the agency anticipates hiring nine Human Services Case Manager positions, who will phase in as the program ramps up, with the first three positions starting July 1, 2022, and the other six positions starting either three or six months later. The number of case workers is based on the estimation that approximately 17,000

Oregonians sustain a brain injury annually, and that 10% of these will turn to DHS for services, leaving each caseworker with a caseload of approximately 200 people. There are additionally an estimated 45,000 Oregonians already living with the long-term effects of brain injury and it is unclear how many of these would seek program assistance as well.

In total it is unclear how many Oregonians who experience brain injuries would be eligible for, or seek assistance from, this program. The number of case workers needed could vary from the numbers included here. It is also not clear at this time if recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on what services are to be provided to people experiencing brain injuries would change the types of services provided.