

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 1529 - A

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Measure Description:

Authorizes the Oregon Health Authority to declare a health care emergency and deploy the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon. Directs the Oregon Health Authority to provide workers’ compensation coverage for volunteer emergency health care providers.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBOP)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

This measure allows the Public Health Director of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to declare a health care emergency and directs OHA to provide workers’ compensation coverage for volunteer emergency health care providers who are injured in the course and scope of performing emergency health care services. This measure also allows pharmacy benefit manager requirements established in sections 3 and 4, chapter 526, Oregon Laws 2019 to apply to contracts with pharmacy benefit managers that automatically renew on or after January 1, 2023. This measure declares an emergency, effective on passage.

The fiscal impact for the Oregon Health Authority with respect to the health care emergency provisions is indeterminate at this time. While this measure requires the agency to provide workers’ compensation for injured volunteers in the event of an emergency and the volunteer is injured in the course and scope of performing emergency health care services, the agency cannot predict when a health care emergency will be declared nor how many volunteer health care providers will be deployed and actually injured. There is no fiscal impact to OHA related to the pharmacy benefit manager provision.

There is no fiscal impact for the Oregon Judicial Department, Department of Consumer and Business Services or the Oregon Board of Pharmacy.