

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Measure: SB 1556 - A

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Date: February 22, 2022**Measure Description:**

Requires Department of Human Services to establish certification process for direct care providers of home- or community-based services and implement online registry of direct care providers of home- or community-based services.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Department of Human Services (DHS), Information Technology

**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	\$265,762	\$537,879
Other Funds	168,722	505,614
Federal Funds	100,989	280,791
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$535,473</b>	<b>\$1,324,284</b>
Positions	3	3
FTE	1.29	3.00

**Analysis:**

SB 1556 - A directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt by rule criteria for the certification of home- or community-based services caregivers. Certification is required for a caregiver to receive state or federal funds; with employers responsible for initiating the certification process for their employees. DHS is also directed to maintain an online home- or community-based services caregiver registry that is accessible to the public. Finally, DHS is directed to work with stakeholder groups to design certification requirements, explore ways to improve the skill level and training of home or community-based services caregivers, and improve pathways for caregivers to access continued education and advancement. DHS is to complete rulemaking for these requirements no later than January 1, 2023. This measure is largely operative December 31, 2023; and amendments to the measure are operative December 31, 2024. DHS is to report to the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means, as required in the department's 2021-23 biennial budget, on implementation of this measure. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

Department of Human Services

The Department of Human Services (DHS) anticipates total costs of \$248,843 General Fund and \$84,361 Federal Funds in the 2021-23 biennium, and \$509,020 General Fund and \$252,807 Federal Funds in the 2023-25 biennium.

A total of \$164,482 General Fund in the 2021-23 biennium and \$256,213 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium is related to establishment of one permanent, full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (0.63 FTE in

2021-23 and 1.00 FTE in 2023-25) to conduct rulemaking, work with stakeholders, and to assist with the certification process.

The remainder of these costs are related to development of the online home- or community-based services caregiver registry, which is discussed below.

#### Oregon Health Authority

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) anticipates establishing two permanent, full-time positions, an Information Systems Specialist 6 and an Information Systems Specialist 7 (both 0.33 FTE in 2021-23 and 1.00 FTE in 2023-25). Position costs are split with half from General Fund and half from Federal Funds. These positions would work on development and maintenance of the online home- or community-based services caregiver registry. Total costs for OHA are estimated at \$168,722 Other Funds in the 2021-23 biennium.

In addition to the ongoing costs of these positions, there will be minimal maintenance and operations costs in the 2023-25 biennium of \$24,500 Other Funds. Total costs for OHA in the 2023-25 biennium are estimated at \$505,614 Other Funds.

All Other Funds costs for OHA do not represent a true expense related to the overall cost of the measure, but rather Other Funds expenditure limitation that would be needed to properly budget for expenses paid through OHA's Shared Services budget structure. The funding for the Shared Services budget is included in the General Fund and Federal Funds amounts discussed above for DHS.

OHA has expressed its intent to use internal IT staff to develop and deploy the online registry of direct care providers of home- or community-based services. Should that strategy change and require the acquisition of IT professional services via contract or the acquisition and deployment of a commercially available solution, this OHA project may be subject to State Chief Information Officer and office of Enterprise Information Services information technology oversight policies and statutes.

There is no fiscal impact for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.