

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 276**

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Measure Description:

Increases amount person may be reimbursed for provision of vision screening to student.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, School Districts, Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Department of Education		
General Fund		
Special Payments	\$2,000,000	\$0
Total General Fund	\$2,000,000	\$0
Other Funds*		
Special Payments	\$2,000,000	\$0
Total Other Funds	\$2,000,000	\$0
<i>Total Funds</i>	\$4,000,000	\$0
<i>Positions</i>	0	0
<i>FTE</i>	0.00	0.00
Total General Fund	\$2,000,000	\$0
Total Other Funds	\$2,000,000	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$4,000,000	\$0
<i>Total Positions</i>	0	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.00	0.00

**Represents General Fund expended as Other Funds*

Analysis:

Senate Bill 276 increases the amount that a person may be reimbursed for provision of vision screening to a student from \$3.20 to \$4 per vision screening per student per school year. The measure appropriates \$2 million General Fund to the Department of Education (ODE) to be deposited in the Vision Health Account to pay the increased reimbursement rate for vision screenings. The measure takes effect on July 1, 2023.

Department of Education

The measure appropriates \$2 million General Fund to ODE to be deposited in the Vision Health Account to pay for vision screening reimbursements to education providers. ODE will expend the \$2 million from the Vision Health Account as special payments. However, it should be noted that ODE may retain up to 10% of the funds in the Vision Health Account for administrative expenses it incurs in making reimbursements to education providers.

Because ODE will expend the \$2 million deposited in the Vision Screening Account as Other Funds, ODE's budget will need an increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation to reimburse education providers for vision screenings. However, the measure does not increase ODE's Other Funds expenditure limitation for this purpose. When accounting for both the \$2 million General Fund appropriation in the measure, and the \$2 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation necessary to expend the General Fund deposited in the Vision Health Account, the fiscal impact to ODE's budget is \$4 million total funds.

The measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its impact to the State's General Fund and ODE's biennial budget.

School Districts

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on School Districts.

Oregon Health Authority

The measure is anticipated to have no fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority.