

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 3300**

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Measure Description:

Authorizes Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue limited permit to qualified applicant.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Mental Health Regulatory Agency

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 3300 grants the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (BPLCT) the authority to issue limited permits allowing an individual with a license obtained in another state to practice as a counselor, marriage, or family therapist. The limited permits may be valid for up to 30 days within a 12-month period. The BPLCT is authorized to impose and collect limited permit fees. Additionally, the measure removes the annual renewal requirement for existing BPLCT licenses. The limited permit and changes to renewal periods become operative on January 1, 2024; however, the measure permits the BPLCT and the Mental Health Regulatory Agency to take any action before the operative date to enable the agency and board to implement the measure on the operative date. The remaining changes in the measure become operative on the 91st day following sine die.

Although the measure is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the agency, the measure would require rulemaking that would include the creation and collection of fees. The amount of those fees would be set by rule and the fee amount would require subsequent approval by the Legislature, in accordance with ORS 291.055. BPLCT estimates a limited permit revenue of \$156,500 Other Funds for the 2023-25 biennium. It should also be noted that the estimated fee revenue generated from this new limited was included in the agency's 2023-25 agency request budget as Policy Option Package 102.

The additional fee revenue associated with this measure will be included in the agency's budget bill, HB 5024.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of newly established fees and their impact to BLPCT and MHRA's biennial budget.