

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2445**

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Measure Description:

Authorizes independent behavioral health certification entity that meets specified requirements to certify addiction peer support specialists to work with coordinated care organizations.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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
Oregon Health Authority		
General Fund		
Personal Services	\$133,581	\$178,110
Services and Supplies	\$181,552	\$17,580
Total General Fund	\$315,133	\$195,690
Other Funds		
Personal Services	\$11,688	\$21,706
Services and Supplies	\$2,760	\$5,127
Total Other Funds	\$14,448	\$26,833
Federal Funds		
Personal Services	\$21,706	\$28,943
Services and Supplies	\$5,127	\$2,857
Total Federal Funds	\$26,833	\$31,800
Total Fiscal Impact	\$356,414	\$254,323
<i>Total Positions</i>	1	1
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.75	1.00

Analysis:

HB 2445 defines the certification requirements for peer supports specialists working for coordinated care organizations (CCO). The measure authorizes the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to certify peer support specialists and adopt application and renewal procedures. The measure also allows independent behavioral health certification entities, operating within the state of Oregon, to certify peer support specialists as long as they are approved by OHA. In addition to the application process to be established by OHA, the measure requires individuals seeking certification to meet education and training requirements and have a completed criminal records check. The measure is effective January 1, 2024. The fiscal impact of the measure for 2023-25 is \$356,414 total funds and \$254,323 total funds for 2025-27.

Oregon Health Authority

OHA's Traditional Health Worker Program will require one permanent full-time Program Analyst 3 position (0.75 FTE) for \$133,581 General Fund, \$11,688 Other Funds and \$21,706 Federal Funds. Standard services and supplies associated with the position for 2023-25 is \$18,064 total funds. For the 2025-27 biennium, the position increases to 1.00 FTE and \$222,639 total funds with associated services and supplies costs of \$21,974. The Program Analyst 3 position will be responsible for the majority of startup and ongoing work for this certification program. The position will be responsible for rule making, CCO contract management and consultation, engaging with applicants, data sharing between OHA and approved certification entities and ensuring data is REALD (Race, Ethnicity, Accessibility, Language, Disability) and SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) compliant.

In addition to the permanent position, OHA will require a one-time contract in 2023-25, estimated at \$150,000 General Fund, with a behavioral health consultant to establish oversight standards and competencies to evaluate and approve the independent certifying agencies. The agency is also expecting increased Department of Justice fees, estimating 75 hours of consultation on acceptance of oversight, industry-accepted standards, and rule development for a total one-time charge of \$21,374 total funds for 2023-25.