

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 796 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Oregon Memory Net program to provide opportunity for primary care providers to refer for memory assessment at neurologic clinic patients showing signs of cognitive decline or impairment but who have not been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services

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 Human Services		
General Fund		
Special Payments	\$800,000	\$0
Total General Funds	\$800,000	\$0
Total Fiscal Impact	\$800,000	\$0
<i>Total Positions</i>	0	0
<i>Total FTE</i>	0.00	0.00

Analysis:

SB 796-2 appropriates \$800,000 General Fund on a one-time basis to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the Oregon Memory Net pilot project. The measure requires DHS to submit a report to the interim Legislative assembly no later than October 31, 2024 on the outcomes of the project and whether it should be expanded statewide. The measure declares an emergency and includes an effective date of July 1, 2023. The Oregon Memory Net pilot project provisions are repealed as of June 30, 2025.

DHS will expend the \$800,000 General Fund appropriation to subcontract with an Oregon-based Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center to take referrals from primary care providers for memory assessments. DHS will manage the contract using existing staff.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the state’s General Fund.