

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3300 <CORRECTED>

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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:

<CORRECTED FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT>

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 licensed professional counselor or a licensed marriage and family therapist. The limited permits may be valid for up to 30 days within a 12-month period. 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 BPLCT and the Mental Health Regulatory Agency to take any action before the operative date to enable the board and agency to implement the measure on its operative date. The remaining changes in the measure become effective 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. BLPCT would set these new fee amounts through rulemaking; however, these fee increases would not require subsequent approval by the Legislature, as these fee revenues are anticipated in BLPCT and the agency’s 2023-25 legislatively adopted budget. See ORS 291.055(2)(L). This measure will generate an estimated \$156,500 in additional Other Funds revenue to BLPCT and the agency in the 2023-25 biennium. The additional fee revenue associated with this measure will be included in the agency’s budget bill, HB 5024.