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Bill Title: Relating to health care.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Health Authority, Department of Consumer and Business Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,615,454	\$ -	\$ 1,615,454	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,615,454	\$ -	\$ 1,615,454	-	-

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,834,516	\$ -	\$ 2,834,516	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,834,516	\$ -	\$ 2,834,516	-	-

- Legislation resulting in an impact on revenues or expenditures related to health care benefits provided by OEBB or PEBB will impact the employers that provide this coverage for their employees. These employers include school districts, education service districts, community colleges, some charter schools, some local governments, and state agencies.

Measure Description

The measure prohibits health benefit plans from imposing a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or other out-of-pocket costs on the coverage of cervical cancer exams or cervical cancer follow up exams. The measure applies to health insurance plans or certificates of insurance issued, renewed, or extended on or after January 1, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The expansion of coverage for health benefit plans may be considered a new mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This Act requires states to offset the cost of required benefits for plans issued through the health insurance marketplace. Federal guidance does not clarify whether these offsets must be paid out of the General Fund or from other state funds such as marketplace assessment funds. If coverage of these services is considered a new mandate, the bill may have a fiscal impact for the state.

Changes to the list of required services that health benefit plans must cover will impact the premiums for employee health plans offered by the Public Employees’ Benefit Board (PEBB) and Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), which are housed in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). While the health care coverage offered in each program is budgeted as Other Funds, the corresponding revenue largely comes from the premiums paid by state agencies and universities for PEBB’s plans and the K-12 school system for OEBB’s plans. State agencies finance PEBB’s premium payments from the revenue streams available in their budgets, including the General

Fund.

Currently, all carriers with PEBB and OEBC provide coverage for cervical cancer screening exams and testing without cost-sharing. However, these carriers do apply cost-sharing for follow-up exams, the estimated fiscal impact for removing cost-sharing for follow-up exams for PEBB is \$1.1 million Other Funds in 2025-27 and \$1.5 million Other Funds in 2027-29. For OEBC, this change will result in additional costs of \$510,433 in 2025-27 and \$1.4 million in 2027-29.

There is no fiscal impact for the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.