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Bill Title: Relating to behavioral health workforce training for students; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Employment Department, School Districts, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Department of Education, Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 3,673,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,457	\$ 3,708,576	1	0.75
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 3,673,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,457	\$ 3,708,576	1	0.75
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 173,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,457	\$ 208,576	1	0.75
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 173,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,457	\$ 208,576	1	0.75

Measure Description

The measure appropriates \$3.5 million General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a grant program supporting pilot programs developed by local workforce development boards. These pilot programs must provide high school students with the education and training needed to enter the behavioral health workforce. The pilot programs must provide culturally and linguistically specific training programs to increase representation in the behavioral health workforce. Grants may be used for the development, facilitation or sponsoring of a program, scholarships, or student support. Recipients of the grants are required to submit an annual progress report to OHA. The pilot programs are repealed on January 1, 2029. The measure declares an emergency and is effective on passage.

Fiscal Analysis

The estimated fiscal impact of the measure is \$3.7 million total funds and one full time limited duration position (0.75 FTE). The measure specifies that the \$3.5 million General Fund appropriation is to one-time funding for grant awards; the number of grant awards is indeterminate and dependent on program design and subsequent rulemaking by OHA to establish the program. The new position will serve as the program's Behavioral Health Education and Training Grant Coordinator and will create and implement the grant application program for workforce development boards, review applications, and process awards. The estimated cost of this position, including personal services and standard position-related services and supplies costs, is \$208,576 total funds in 2025-27. The position costs remain the same in the 2027-29 biennium as the position will phase out in January 2029 when the pilot program is repealed. Costs associated with data collection and reporting are unknown, and dependent on implementation decisions; OHA may return to the legislature if additional resources are needed.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 527-1**

The measure has a minimal fiscal impact on School Districts and the Oregon Employment Department and no fiscal impact on the Higher Education Coordinating Commission or the Oregon Department of Education.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

Grant recipients must report annually to OHA.

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