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Bill Title: Relating to parentage.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Justice, Judicial Department, 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	\$ 598,249	\$ -	\$ 1,647,546	\$ -	\$ 2,245,795	5	4.09
Department of Justice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 183,402	\$ -	\$ 183,402	1	0.38
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 598,249	\$ -	\$ 1,830,948	\$ -	\$ 2,429,197	6	4.47
2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority		\$ -	\$ 810,803	\$ -	\$ 810,803	1	1.00
Department of Justice	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 241,836	\$ -	\$ 241,836	1	0.50
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,052,639	\$ -	\$ 1,052,639	2	1.50

Measure Description

The measure modifies Oregon Parentage laws by incorporating certain portions of the Uniform Parentage Act (UPA). The measure adds definitions regarding parentage and family formation, establishes and clarifies parentage presumptions, updates procedures for adjudicating parentage, and addresses assisted reproduction and surrogacy (applies to surrogacy agreements filed or created on or after the effective date). The measure also amends provisions related to child support, adoption, intestate succession, and judicial procedures to incorporate the UPA changes.

Certain provisions of the measure have delayed operating dates of January 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027. The measure also allows for the affected departments to take any action before the operative dates in order to exercise the duties by the operative dates.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$2.4 million total funds and six positions (4.97 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium and \$1.1 million total funds and two positions (4.50 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium.

Oregon Health Authority

The estimated fiscal impact of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is \$598,249 General Fund, \$1.6 million Other Funds and five positions (4.09 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium and \$810,803 Other Funds and one position (1.00 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium.

The measure makes significant changes to the laws and processes for establishing parentage of a child which has effects on OHA's Public Health Division and Center for Health Statistics. To comply with the changes in the measure, OHA would need to review and modify all forms related to establishing parentage as well as update communications, training materials, websites and make changes to their electronic vital records system to collect the new information.

OHA estimates the need of five positions (4.09 FTE in 2025-27 and 1.00 FTE in 2027-29) to carry out the work of the measure. These positions include one limited duration Information Systems Specialist 8 position (0.92 FTE in 2025-27) to oversee and coordinate changes to the system, one permanent full-time Information Systems Specialist 8 position (0.92 FTE in 2025-27 and 1.00 FTE in 2027-29) to map new requirements to existing business processes and identify gaps, one limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (1.00 FTE in 2025-27) to provide project management for implementation of the required changes, one limited duration Program Analyst 2 position (1.00 FTE in 2025-27) to coordinate and prepare new forms, and one limited duration Administrative Specialist 2 position (0.25 FTE in 2025-27) for administrative functions related to the program changes. The estimated costs of these positions, including position-related services and supply costs, is \$598,249 General Fund and \$738,734 Other Funds in the 2025-27 biennium and \$402,882 Other Funds in the 2027-29 biennium.

The Agency plans on utilizing Other Funds revenue from the Vital Records fees and the revenue will be used to cover the expenses made to change the state's vital records and statistics electronic systems known as OVERS.

Department of Justice

The estimated fiscal impact to the Department of Justice (DOJ) is \$183,402 Other Funds and one position (0.38 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium and \$241,836 Other Funds and one position (0.50 FTE) in the 2027-29 biennium.

DOJ anticipates the need of one permanent part-time Assistant Attorney General position (0.38 FTE in 2025-27 and 0.50 FTE in 2027-29) within their Child Advocacy and Protection Division to develop and present trainings regarding the changes in parentage laws and assist partner agencies with training and revising forms, as well as to support agencies on future cases involving child welfare and dependency issues.

Judicial Department

There is a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Judicial Department.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.