FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION



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Bill Title: Relating to emergency medical services for residents in long term care settings; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Health Authority, Department of Human Services

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to have a fiscal impact - see analysis.

Measure Description

The measure expands the Senior Emergency Medical Services Council's authority to advise the Department of Human Services (DHS) on the criteria DHS should use when reviewing pilot project proposals, minimum reporting standards, and any other factors the council deems relevant. DHS must provide funding within 90 days of approving a pilot project request. Additionally, DHS is directed to allocate up to one-third of the total funds available in the Quality Care Fund for approved pilot projects.

Fiscal Analysis

The Quality Care Fund is continuously appropriated to DHS and the Oregon Health Authority to administer the Senior Emergency Medical Services Innovation program, as well as to support training, technical assistance, quality improvement initiatives and licensing activities for long-term care facilities, residential facilities, and foster homes. Currently, there is no available balance in the Quality Care Fund to support new pilot projects. It is estimated \$4 million in fee and fines revenue will be deposited into the fund over the course of the 205-27 biennium. Under this measure, up to one-third of this amount, or \$1.3 million, could be available in 2025-27 for new senior medical services pilot projects.

Relevant Dates

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