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Bill Title: Relating to the Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Long Term Care Ombudsman, Department of Justice, Judicial Department

<Revised to reflect new information received from the Long Term Care Ombudsman on position costs.>

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Long Term Care Ombudsman	\$ 371,626	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371,626	2	1.25
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 371,626	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371,626	2	1.25

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Long Term Care Ombudsman	\$ 582,604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 582,604	2	2.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 582,604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 582,604	2	2.00

Measure Description

The measure expands the role of the Oregon Public Guardian to include alternative decisional supports.

Fiscal Analysis

Currently, at any given time there are no less than 500-1,000 persons statewide in need of but lacking public guardianships. At current staffing levels, the Oregon Public Guardian (OPG) program is only able to serve between 260-280 individuals. OPG expects to reach full caseload capacity halfway through the 2025-27 biennium. As this measure would increase the services provided by OPG and expand the population eligible to receive services, additional staff will be needed to meet the increased demand. While OPG does not have an estimate of the number of additional individuals who will access the services authorized by the measure, it is assumed at least two additional full-time permanent Program Analyst 3 positions will be needed. The estimated cost of these positions, including personal services and standard position-related costs for services and supplies is \$371,626 General Fund in 2025-27, increasing to \$582,604 General Fund in 2027-29 to support the full biennial position costs.

The measure has a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Justice and the Judicial Department.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.
 Amendments to statute become operative January 1, 2026.
 The Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator may take any action prior to January 1, 2026.