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Bill Title: Relating to the practice of health care; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Bureau of Labor and Industries, Department of Justice, Oregon Health Authority, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Medical Board, District Attorneys, Department of Corrections, Judicial Department, Criminal Justice Commission, Public Defense Commission

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see analysis.

Measure Description

The measure prohibits a health care funder or health care investor from directing or controlling the practice or professional medical judgment of a health care provider. Violations of this prohibition are a Class C felony. The Oregon Medical Board (OMB) may impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 per instance and up to \$100,000 for a continuing violation.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate as the prevalence of these types of investigations is unknown. While OMB enforces regulatory requirements for its licensees, it does not review issues relating to health care funders or health care investors. OMB expects to report, investigate, and adjudicate these new violations as they do for other violations under the Medical Practice Act. The board anticipates increased costs for consulting with the Department of Justice and for increased hearings. Additionally, OMB expects an increase in revenue from civil penalty collection. It is unclear if additional staff will be required to support this change and will be dependent on the volume of complaints OMB receives.

The measure has a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Judicial Department, the Public Defense Services Commission, and the Department of Justice. The measure has no fiscal impact on District Attorneys, the Criminal Justice Commission, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of Corrections, the Oregon Health Authority or the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.

Measure: SB 951 - MRA