FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION



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Bill Title: Relating to veterans.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Veterans' Affairs, Oregon Health Authority

Summary of Fiscal Impact

| 2025-27 Biennium | Gene | ral Fund | Lotte | ry Funds | Oth | er Funds | Fed | eral Funds | То | tal Funds | Positions | FTE |
|-------------------------|------|----------|-------|----------|-----|----------|-----|------------|----|-----------|-----------|------|
| Oregon Health Authority | \$ | 158,527 | Ş | - | \$ | 10,213 | \$ | 64,131 | \$ | 232,871 | 1 | 0.75 |
| Total Fiscal Impact | \$ | 158,527 | \$ | - | \$ | 10,213 | \$ | 64,131 | \$ | 232,871 | 1 | 0.75 |

| 2027-29 Biennium | General Fund | Lottery Funds | Other Funds | Federal Funds | Total Funds | Positions | FTE |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Oregon Health Authority | \$ - | \$ - | \$- | \$ - | \$- | - | - |
| Total Fiscal Impact | \$ - | \$- | \$ - | \$ - | \$- | _ | _ |

Measure Description

The measure adds "Veteran-specific personal health navigator" as a new type of Traditional Health Worker.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure on OHA is \$232,871 total funds and one limited duration full-time position (0.75 FTE). The fiscal impact reflects implementation costs in 2025-27. Ongoing costs are indeterminate and are dependent on the number of individuals who apply and are approved to become veteran-specific personal health navigators. Should the workload increase significantly, OHA may return to the legislature to request additional resources in 2027-29.

Adding a new type of Traditional Health Worker will require program and system upgrades. To facilitate program changes, one Program Analyst 1 position will work with the Traditional Health Worker Commission to modify rules, applications, and training to include veteran-specific personal health navigators. The estimated cost for this position, including personal services and position-related services and supplies costs is \$161,245 total funds. OHA will contract with a vendor to modify the workforce registry and applicant portal to add and store a new certification type and associated data. OHA estimates these updates will take approximately 750 contract hours and estimates contract costs to be \$71,626 total funds.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.