

Legislative Fiscal Office 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session

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Bill Title: Relating to the Board of Licensed Dietitians and Nutritionists; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 508,119	\$ -	\$ 508,119	3	2.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 508,119	\$ -	\$ 508,119	3	2.00

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ -	\$-	\$ 630,639	\$ -	\$ 630,639	3	2.50
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630,639	\$ -	\$ 630,639	3	2.50

Summary of Revenue Impact

Agency Fund Type	2025-27 Biennium	2027-29 Biennium
Oregon Health Authority Other Funds	\$ -	\$ 595,000
Total Revenue Impact	\$ -	\$ 595,000

Measure Description

The measure directs the Health Licensing Office, budgeted within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), to issue a nutritionist license to qualified applicants. The Board of Licensed Dietitians is renamed to the Board of Licensed Dietitians and Nutritionists. The measure permits licensed dietitians and nutritionists to provide medical nutrition therapy via telehealth.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$583,119 Other Funds and three positions (2.00 FTE). OHA estimates the Board of Licensed Dietitians will double membership with the addition of licensed nutritionists, for a total of 10,500 licensees. With the addition of licensed nutritionists, OHA projects a biennial increase of \$595,000 Other Funds in Revenue. OHA will begin to collect these fees in the 2027-29 biennium following fee ratification. Positions required to support the board are paid by the licensing fees the board collects. While new fees are not expected to generate revenue until 2027-29, there are sufficient fees within the Health Licensing Office to temporarily cover the cost for additional staff. To manage the increased workload, OHA will require up to three additional permanent positions, the estimated cost for these positions including personal services and positionrelated services and supplies costs is \$508,119 Other Funds. New positions include one full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position to review and analyze licensing applications, one full-time Compliance Specialist 2

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position to create the registration process and enforce compliance and one part-time Fiscal Analyst 2 position to track, analyze, project, and manage increased revenue. In 2027-29 costs increase to \$630,639 Other Funds and reflect a full biennium of position costs.

Relevant Dates

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