

Legislative Fiscal Office 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session

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Bill Title: Relating to death with dignity.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Medical Board, Board of Pharmacy, Oregon Health Authority, Board of Nursing

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 1,329,981	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ 1,329,981	5	3.95
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,329,981	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 1,329,981	5	3.95

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 1,093,877	\$-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,093,877	3	3.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 1,093,877	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 1,093,877	3	3.00

 The fiscal impact identified in the table for the Oregon Health Authority does not include the duplicate Other Funds expenditure limitation necessary to pay for expenses through the agency's Shared Services budget structure. Should this measure be adopted, the expenditure limitation will need to be established to properly budget for these expenses.

Measure Description

The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to allow health care providers to submit required documents in relation to Oregon's Death with Dignity law electronically by January 1, 2028. Hospice programs and health care facilities must establish a disclosure process for their policy regarding Oregon's Death with Dignity Act (DWDA) which must include providing a prospective patient with a written notice of their policy prior to admittance and posting their policy on their website.

Fiscal Analysis

Oregon Health Authority

The estimated fiscal impact of the measure is \$1.3 million General Fund for five positions (3.95 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium. In 2027-29, the estimated impact decreases to \$1.1 million General Fund for three positions (3.00 FTE). OHA will also require duplicate Other Funds expenditure limitation totaling \$1.1 million in 2025-27 and \$807,612 in 2027-29 to appropriately budget for positions through the agency's Shared Services budget structure.

The Office of Information Services (OIS), with support from the Public Health Division, will develop and maintain a new electronic database for DWDA records and reporting required by the measure. OHA would hire four Information System Specialist positions in the Office of Information Services, a Shared Service, to develop and implement the new system. Of the four positions, two will be permanent full-time Information System Specialist

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

8 positions to create Azure infrastructure, gather requirements, coordinate and oversee changes to systems, and manage any Enterprise Information Services (EIS) stage gate requirements. These positions will provide ongoing maintenance for the new system. Additionally, two limited duration full-time Information System Specialist 7 positions will provide business system analysis and project management during the implementation phase.

The Public Health division would hire one permanent full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position for business analysis, stakeholder engagement, and to manage preparation of the request for proposal and ongoing contract management.

Other Entities

The measure is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Oregon Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon Medical Board, or the Oregon Board of Nursing.

Relevant Dates

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

The measure is largely operative January 1, 2026.

The electronic filing system must be operational on or before January 1, 2028.