

**SB 537 B BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Patterson

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 06/17/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 10 - Anderson, Broadman, Campos, Frederick, Girod, Lieber, Manning Jr, McLane, Smith DB, Sollman

**Nays:** 1 - Bonham

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 10 - Bowman, Drazan, Evans, Gomberg, Levy E, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith G, Valderrama

**Nays:** 1 - Cate

**Exc:** 1 - Breese-Iverson

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**Oregon Health Authority**

**2025-27**

### **Budget Summary\***

	2023-25 Legislatively Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup>	2025-27 Current Service Level	2025-27 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2023-25 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394,554	\$ 394,554	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394,554	\$ 394,554	100.0%

### **Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	2	2
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	1.50	1.50

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through January 2025

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

### **Summary of Revenue Changes**

Senate Bill 537 appropriates \$394,554 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide additional monitoring and enforcement of new physical and safety requirements for hospitals and health care settings. The measure goes into effect on January 1, 2026.

### **Summary of Human Services Subcommittee Action**

Senate Bill 537 establishes new workplace violence prevention requirements in health care facilities. Programs must include a detailed prevention and response plan, annual training assessments with specific reporting requirements, trauma counseling, internal investigations, and first aid or medical care procedures. The measure makes additional safety requirements in health care facilities and requires home health care employers to provide endorsed safety training, conduct quarterly assessments, and safety and security procedures.

The measure directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to use existing staff to facilitate the process to adopt rules establishing how workplace violence is investigated, documented, and reported. DCBS must submit an annual report back to the Legislature on workplace assaults and recommendations by December 31. OHA will provide additional capacity to monitor compliance and enforcement of the new laws and provide support to facilities subject to the new law.

Senate Bill 537 includes \$394,554 General Fund appropriation and two permanent, full-time positions (1.50 FTE) in OHAs Public Health Division's Health Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Division. This division is responsible for ensuring health care facilities comply with

state and federal building and safety requirements. The recommended budget funds one Client Care Surveyor (0.75 FTE) to monitor compliance and enforce the new requirements under Senate Bill 537 and one Operations and Policy Analyst 2 (0.75 FTE) to provide outreach and support to impacted facilities.

## DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

Oregon Health Authority  
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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE	
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED				
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u>										
<b>SCR 030-05 - Public Health</b>										
Personal Services	\$ 361,066	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 361,066	2	1.50	
Services and Supplies	\$ 33,488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,488			
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 394,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394,554	2	1.50	
SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *	\$ 394,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394,554	2	1.50	

\*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures