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Bill Title: Relating to hospice licensure; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Human Services, Long Term Care Ombudsman, 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	\$ 589,315	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 589,315	2	1.26
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 589,315	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 589,315	2	1.26
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2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Health Authority	\$ 778,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 778,338	2	2.00
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 778,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 778,338	2	2.00

Measure Description

The measure modifies and expands provisions relating to the licensing of hospice programs. The measure requires the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to establish a financial and operational capacity review process to ensure a hospice program may operate as required for at least one year. The measure allows OHA 24 months to complete required rulemaking, however, during this period OHA is prohibited from issuing new hospice licenses except in certain circumstances.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact for OHA is estimated to be \$589,315 General Fund and two positions (1.26 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium, increasing to \$778,337 total funds and two positions (2.00 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium.

New positions include one full-time permanent Compliance Specialist 2 position and one limited duration full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position. The Compliance Specialist 2 position will develop and maintain a new online licensing portal for hospice programs, work with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to clarify licensing decisions and revise rules, and develop the new rules required by the measure. The Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position will facilitate implementation activities including partner engagement, design new program documents and research other states' policies and regulations. The estimated cost for these positions, including personal services and standard position-related services and supplies costs is \$326,515. Additional costs include a contractor to conduct financial and operational capacity reviews estimated to be \$160,000 per biennium, increased legal fees estimated to be \$52,800 per biennium, and the online licensing system estimated to be \$50,000 per biennium.

Once rulemaking is complete and the prohibition on approving new hospice licenses is over, program costs are anticipated to be supported by hospice licensing revenue.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Long Term Care Ombudsman or the Department of Human Services.

Relevant Dates

OHA must complete rulemaking no later than 24 months after the effective date of the measure.

The prohibition on issuing hospice licenses is repealed on January 2, 2029.

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.