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Bill Title: Relating to the safety of behavioral health workers; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Oregon Health Authority, Counties, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact: Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure requires behavioral health employers establish a written safety plan for employees.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is indeterminate for counties. The measure may increase contracted providers exposure to liability which could result in higher insurance and litigation costs. These increased operational costs may be passed on to county mental health programs contracting with these providers for services.

The measure has a minimal fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) in the current biennium. It is assumed that while the measure obligates the provider to develop and implement the plan, there is an obligation for OHA to ensure provider compliance with the new safety plan use requirements as part of ongoing compliance oversight that may increase overall workload for the licensing and certification unit with the Behavioral Health Division beyond current staffing capacity that may require additional staffing in future biennia.

No fiscal impact on cities is anticipated.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on July 1, 2027.

Behavioral health employers who are currently contracted with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) must implement written safety plans on their first renewal, extension or amendment of that contract on or after July 1, 2027.

Applies to all new behavioral health plan employers who contract with OHA on or after July 1, 2027.