

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 488 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Corrections to offer immunization against influenza virus to each inmate and prisoner.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections (DOC), Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

This bill requires the Department of Corrections to offer each inmate an appointment to receive a flu vaccination at no cost to the inmate or prisoner. The inmate or prisoner may decline the offer.

Department of Corrections

Currently the Department of Corrections (DOC) offers immunization for the flu virus on an “opt-in” basis. This bill requires DOC to schedule an appointment for each inmate during the period in which the vaccine is recommended unless the inmate declines the immunization in writing.

The price for a flu shot is \$17.63. In 2018, 4,650 inmates were given a flu shot. DOC assumes that this bill would increase the number of annual flu shots to roughly one-half of DOC's total inmate population of 14,500 resulting in 7,250 injections per year. The increased biennial cost to DOC would be an additional \$114,182. While workload would increase, DOC does not anticipate needing additional staff to implement the requirements of this bill. The increase in workload could be absorbed into current operations.

Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Youth Authority

There is no fiscal impact to the Oregon Youth Authority because they currently provide flu shots to all of their residents. There is no fiscal impact to the Oregon Health Authority.