2007 Regular Legislative Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3512 STATUS: A-Engrossed

SUBJECT: Creates Task Force on Agricultural Workforce Needs

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee

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DATE: May 5, 2007

		2007-09	<u>2009-11</u>
EFFECT ON EXPENDITURES – See Comments for conditions:			
Legislative Administration - Personal Services – General Fund	\$	28,079	
Legislative Assembly – Services & Supplies – General Fund	\$	3,128	
Total General Fund	\$	31,207	
EFFECT ON POSITIONS – See Comments for conditions:			
Legislative Administration			
Committee Administrator	1	/ 0.10 FTE	
Committee Assistant	1	/ 0.10 FTE	

EFFECTIVE DATE: 30th day after adjournment sine die

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not included in the Governor's budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The measure directs the creation of an11-member Task Force on Agricultural Workforce Needs. Four of the members would be legislators, with seven members representing various agricultural and economic interests. The broad responsibility of the task force is to examine the supply and demand of agricultural labor and the H-2A visa program for temporary agricultural workers. Staffing would be provided Legislative Administration Committee personnel.

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes issues relating to implementation:

- The measure is effective 30 days after adjournment sine die of the regular session of the 74th Legislative Assembly. Under provisions of SCR 1 (2007) LFO assumes sine die to be on or before June 29, 2007.
 - Other provisions of SCR 1 anticipate a special session of the Legislative Assembly in February 2008. LFO assumes this session would be staffed by permanent staff of the legislative offices. Thus, the availability of LAC staff in the run-up to this special session, the duration of the session, and the post-session work would be limited, potentially affecting the timeline for the task force's work.
- The task force report is due no later than 30 days before the next regular session, or if a special session is scheduled to convene pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 (2007), 30 days before the special session [emphasis added].
 - o The February 2008 special session would be convened as provided in statute with a poll to all legislators, with results known by January 4, 2008.

- o If it is assumed the February 2008 special session will occur, then the report is due by approximately January 1, 2008.
- The functional time-frame for this Task Force is July 2007 through December 2007.

Staff would be provided by the Legislative Administration Committee (LAC). Although the task force would determine its work plan and meeting schedule, because of the short time-line and broad scope of the task force, the Legislative Fiscal Office assumes that staff's task force responsibilities would occupy at least half of their time for six months. The LAC budget contains funds allocated for staff support of interim committees and task forces, comprised of 8 committee administrators and 6 committee assistants. This fiscal impact statement represents the incremental cost of providing support services to legislative committees. HB 3512 affects the workload in LAC committee services. If this task force creates a workload beyond the levels assumed in the LAC budget, or a level greater than the workload imposed by cumulative enactment of other bills, additional General Fund resources may be required.