

**2007 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 3563 **STATUS:** A-Engrossed  
**SUBJECT:** Creates the Public Safety Strategies Task Force  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee  
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**DATE:** June 14, 2007

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	<u>2007-09</u>	<u>2009-11</u>
<b>EFFECT ON EXPENDITURES – See Comments for conditions:</b>		
Legislative Administration - Personal Services	\$ 78,746	
Legislative Assembly - Services and Supplies	\$ 11,764	
<b>Total General Fund</b>	\$ 90,510	

**EFFECT ON POSITIONS – See Comments for conditions:**

Legislative Administration	
Policy Analyst/Committee Administrator	1 / 0.29 FTE
Administrative Support Specialist	1 / 0.29 FTE

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** On passage.

**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 the six-member Public Safety Strategies Task Force. Four members will be legislators, and the Governor will appoint the other two. The measure does not specify qualifications for the gubernatorial appointees. The scope of responsibility of the task force includes, but is not limited to, evaluating investments in state-funded programs relating to child development, and reduction of recidivism and crime rates. The task force is directed to make recommendations based on cost-benefit analyses of state criminal justice policies. The task force is directed also to consider the best use of available resources to reduce crime rates and victimization rates and to hold offenders accountable for their actions.

The measure directs the Legislative Administrator to provide staff. Although not specified, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) assumes that permanent legislative staff will be used. The Legislative Administration Committee (LAC) budget contains funds allocated for staff support of interim committees and task forces, currently comprised of 8 committee administrators and 6 committee assistants. This fiscal impact statement represents the incremental cost of providing support services to legislative committees, based on LFO’s assumption that the task force will meet five times in Salem over the course of 14 months, and that two staff would be assigned half-time to the task force. HB 3563 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.

The Legislative Assembly budget contain funds allocated for per diem and expense costs associated with legislators' participation in interim committee and task force meetings.

The task force is also authorized to consult with and receive testimony from persons knowledgeable in public safety issues. The measure appropriates \$100,000 General Fund to the Legislative Administrator for purposes of carrying out the task force duties. LFO understands that this funding is for professional, technical, or consultative services to support the task force.

LFO notes that under the provisions of SCR 1 (2007) a special session of the Legislative Assembly is anticipated 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 staff availability to the task force during this time period.