

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

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** SB 416

**STATUS:** B-Engrossed

**SUBJECT:** Historic special assessments provisions

**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Parks and Recreation Department

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**DATE:** June 1, 2007

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**EXPENDITURES:** See Comments.

**REVENUES:** See the Legislative Revenue Impact Statement for tax revenue impacts.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 91<sup>st</sup> day following sine die.

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:** This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended 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 bill limits historical property special assessments to one 15-year term prospectively for all types of property unless a second 15 year term is approved by the local governing authority; allows completion of the second 15-year term of special assessment; and, creates the Task Force on Historic Property to conduct a comprehensive review of the historic property assessments program and prepare a report to the Governor and Legislature.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) receives a fee to cover the costs of reviewing historic assessment applications, confirming compliance with historic preservation rules, and monitoring of projects for the 15-year term of the special assessment. If governing bodies choose to exclude initial applicants or reapplications, there will be a negative impact on OPRD Other Fund Revenues. The amount of this impact is indeterminate at this time as it is unclear how many governing bodies might develop exclusions, and the related impact of those exclusions on future numbers of applicants. The Department indicates that lost revenues may ultimately affect the program's ability to offer grants.

The bill requires OPRD to provide staffing to the Historic Property Task Force. The Department indicates that the additional staffing requirements and costs of the task force are expected to be minimal and can be covered by existing resources and reserves in the Oregon Property Management Account.