



The measure directs the Legislative Administrator and Legislative Assembly to provide staff to the commission and its subcommittees. 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 full commission would meet five times in Salem over the course of 18 months, and that two subcommittees would meet five times in Salem. LFO assumes two LAC staff would be assigned to the commission for the 18 months of the 2007-09 biennium: a full-time committee administrator and a half-time committee assistant. Cost estimates for the commission do not include meetings held away from Salem.

HB 2060 affects the workload in LAC committee services. If this commission 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, as experienced with PCOL.

The Legislative Assembly budget contain funds allocated for per diem and expense costs associated with legislators' participation in interim committee and task force meetings. These costs, together with per diem and mileage for non-legislator members of the commission, are minimal, and are reflected in the Services and Supplies category in the above table.

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.