2007 Regular Legislative Session FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2472 STATUS: Original

SUBJECT: Creates Task Force on Extending Washington County Commuter Rail to Salem

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee

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EFFECT ON EXPENDITURES – See Comments for conditions:

Legislative Administration - Personal Services – General Fund \$ 67,497

EFFECT ON POSITIONS – See Comments for conditions:

Legislative Administration

Committee Administrator 1 / 0.25 FTE
Committee Assistant 1 / 0.25 FTE

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

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 a 15-member Task Force on Extending Washington County Commuter Rail to Salem. Four of the members would be legislators, with 11 members representing transportation agencies and companies and local governments. The broad responsibility of the task force is to explore the possibility of extending commuter rail from Wilsonville to Salem, and develop and implement a program to generate interest and activity in extending the commuter line. The first meeting of the task force would be no later than approximately March 1, 2008. A report to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House would be due by October 1, 2008.

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 half of their time for the 2008 calendar year. 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 2472 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 measure specifically precludes payment of per diem and expenses associated with legislators' and other persons' participation in this task force.