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

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2472 STATUS: A-Engrossed

**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 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 creates a 17-member Task Force on Extending Washington County Commuter Rail to Salem. Four members would be legislators, with 13 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 (LFO) assumes that staff's task force responsibilities would occupy half of their time for the 2008 calendar year. 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 the timeline for the task force's first meeting.

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-A 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.