

**2009 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 2380 **STATUS:** Original  
**SUBJECT:** Creating a Task Force on School Computers and Digital Technology  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Department of Education  
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b> See analysis		

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2009

**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.

**ANALYSIS:** House Bill 2830 creates a Task Force on School Computers and Digital Technology charged with determining the costs of providing a laptop computer or other digital technology to each public school student in kindergarten through grade 12 and identifying the implementation and cost obstacles to providing a laptop computer or other digital technology to each public school student in kindergarten through grade 12. The bill directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to appoint an unspecified number of volunteer task force members. A report from the task force is due to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2011, and the task force is repealed on January 2, 2012. The Department of Education (ODE) is directed to provide staff support to the task force.

Based on the recent experience with new advisory bodies, ODE assumes that the task force would be comprised of thirteen to fifteen members who would meet ten times over the course of eleven months. All task force members are volunteers who may not be reimbursed for any expenses. ODE estimates incidental costs such as meeting costs, photocopies and production of the final report to be approximately \$1,800.

Current ODE staff would be assigned to support the task force. ODE estimates the impact on staffing to be a workload equivalent of one Education Specialist at 0.20 FTE and one Office Specialist at 0.10 FTE. ODE values this staff time at approximately \$4,600. ODE would not need to hire additional staff to support this task force, only to re-prioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff. The \$4,600 equivalent serves as an estimate of possible incremental staffing cost if ODE needs to hire additional staff in the event that re-prioritization of duties and responsibilities of existing staff were not feasible during the functional life of the task force or if the cumulative effect of workload from the enactment of other bills exceeds levels assumed in the ODE budget. Other bills are pending before this Legislative Assembly that also would require an expenditure of ODE staff time.