

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

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2718

STATUS: Original

SUBJECT: Task Force on Women Veterans' Health Care

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Oregon Military Department, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Department of Human Services

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2009-2011

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EXPENDITURES:

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EFFECTIVE DATE: On Passage

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.

ANALYSIS: House Bill 2718 establishes a five-member Task Force on Women Veterans' Health Care to study the health care needs of women veterans, and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor by October 1, 2010. The Task Force must consult with federal, state, county and local entities including the Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities. The bill stipulates that members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement. The Oregon Military Department (OMD), the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) are to provide staff support to the task force. The task force sunsets on the date of the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session.

All three departments report that passage of this bill will have a minimal impact. Current staff would be assigned to the task force. Services and supplies for the stakeholder outreach, research and reporting requirements of this bill will be absorbed by the agencies with existing resources.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that each agency will have to re-prioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff and reallocate resources for incidental costs such as photocopies and production of the final report. The decision to absorb costs represents a decision to move funds from an existing statutory requirement or priority to a different priority based solely at the discretion of agency staff.