

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

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2851

STATUS: Original

SUBJECT: Creating a Task Force on School Computers and Digital Technology

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Higher Education, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES: See analysis		

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

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 2851 creates a Task Force on Alternative Tuition Systems charged with studying the feasibility of alternatives to traditional methods of payment for college tuition. Five members who have knowledge and experience in the field of higher education will be appointed to serve on the task force by the Governor. A report from the task force is due to the an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education no later than October 1, 2010, and the task force is repealed on the date of the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session. The Department of Higher Education (DHED) is directed to provide staff support to the task force.

Current DHED staff would be assigned to support the task force. DHED would not need to hire additional staff to support this task force, only to re-prioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff. DHED anticipates a minimal fiscal impact as a result of this measure, however DHED may need 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 DHED budget. Other bills are pending before this Legislative Assembly that also would require an expenditure of DHED staff time. DHED assumes that incidental costs such as meeting costs, photocopies, production of the final report and travel expenses will be minimal.

The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) anticipates a minimal fiscal impact as a result of this measure. Although the measure doesn't directly include community colleges, CCWD anticipates that its current staff may be needed to assist in the study.