

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

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 2920

**STATUS:** A Engrossed

**SUBJECT:** Establishing a Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Protection

**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Governor's Office, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Judicial Department, Legislative Administration

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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b> 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 2920 as amended establishes a twenty-one member Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision charged with reviewing the opportunities to provide services in the most effective and cost-efficient manner; considering the ability of intergovernmental agreements, existing or new service districts and technology to achieve cost savings; and analyzing categories of services under the categories of assessment and taxation, elections, human services, public health criminal justice, and transportation and public works. In addition to representatives from the Governor's Office, members would represent the Governor's Task Force on Comprehensive Revenue Restructuring, state agencies, counties, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, the Chief Justice, and the Oregon Legislature. An interim report from the task force is due to the Legislative Assembly no later than November 30, 2009 and the task force shall submit its final report to the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2010, and the task force is repealed on the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session. The task force is directed to establish a technical committee charged with aiding and advising the task force. The task force is to be staffed by the permanent staff of the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Judicial Department and Legislative Fiscal Officer.

There is an indeterminate fiscal impact to the agencies directed to provide staff support to the task force during the 2009-11 biennium. Permanent staff of the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Judicial Department and Legislative Fiscal Officer would be assigned to support the task force. These agencies are unable to estimate the impact on staffing as the extent to which staff time will be required to support the task force is unknown. Although the measure specifies that permanent staff are to support the task force, these agencies may need to hire additional staff in the event that re-prioritization of duties and responsibilities of existing staff is not feasible. The task force is effective on passage and could impact the staffing of these agencies in the 2007-09 biennium.

With the exception of members of the Legislative Assembly and individuals that are not public employees, task force members are not entitled to compensation but are entitled to reimbursements for allowable travel expenses. The measure provides that claims for these expenses shall be paid out of

funds appropriated to the Governor's office for purposes of the task force. However, there is no funding associated with this bill to pay task force members for incurred expenses.

There is an indeterminate fiscal impact to the Legislative Assembly; however it is likely to be minimal. Four members of the Legislative Assembly are eligible to receive per diem and mileage reimbursements for their participation in this task force. The Legislative Assembly anticipates it would cost \$668 per task force meeting to reimburse all four members for their expenses and to pay per diem. The fiscal impact to the Legislative Assembly is indeterminate as the number of meetings associated with this task force is unknown.