

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

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2920

STATUS: B-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>
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 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, and criminal justice. In addition to representatives from the Governor's Office, members would represent the Governor's Task Force on Comprehensive Revenue Restructuring, Task Force on Federal Forest Payments and County Services, state agencies, county commissioners, a mayor or city councilor, special districts board member, 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force shall submit its final report to the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2010, and the task force is repealed on the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session.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 and to establish subcommittees to work on priority subject areas identified by 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 return to the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly to seek position authority for 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.