2010 Special Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3604 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Creates a six-member Task Force on Regional Contract Preferences
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Legislative Committee Services
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	2009-2011	2011-2013
EXPENDITURES:		
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EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: The budgetary impact of this bill was not reviewed and approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee and is not included in the omnibus budget bill to be introduced by the committee.

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 3604 – 2 Amendment creates a six-member Task Force on Regional Contract Preferences to study ways in which state public contracting activities can encourage construction contractors and businesses to hire regional labor and make use of regionally produced construction materials and other resources. The Task Force is charged with

1. devising a methodology for analyzing the sources and extent of atmospheric carbon emissions from construction activity;
2. identifying the means for reducing atmospheric carbon emission from construction activities; and
3. recommending an appropriate number of pilot projects to demonstrate the feasibility of its findings and recommendations.

The bill directs the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint Task Force members representing construction laborers and construction contractors. Members of the Task Force are not entitled to compensation or expenses. The Task Force is required to submit a report that may include recommendations for legislation to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to business, labor and transportation by June 30, 2011. The Task Force sunsets on July 1, 2011.

The fiscal impact to Legislative Committee Services is indeterminate. Legislative Committee Services is required to provide staff support to the Task Force. Committee Services has a limited number of continuing staff to provide support for all appointed and other committees and task forces during the interim. If this Task Force creates a workload beyond the levels assumed in the Legislative Administration budget, or a level greater than the workload imposed by cumulative enactment of other bills, additional General Fund resources may be required. In addition, the work of the Task Force may require environmental atmospheric carbon emissions expertise as well as legal counsel regarding state and federal contracting and funding regulations that may be outside the scope and expertise of staff support and the members of the Task Force. Based on comparable contracts priced by Department of Environmental Quality, Committee Services estimate the cost of these professional services could range between $35,000 and $60,000.