

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2237

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Measure Description:

Recreates Public Guardian and Conservator Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Legislative Assembly, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Judicial Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

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 2237 recreates the Public Guardian and Conservator Task Force charged with continuing its efforts to study and prepare recommendations for public guardian and conservator services in Oregon. The task force will consist of at least 11 members. The bill requires the task force to provide a detailed cost assessment for implementation of its recommendations. The bill sunsets on July 1, 2013.

The bill allows the task force to accept donations of staff support, office space and equipment provided by Disability Rights Oregon (DRO), an independent nonprofit organization that provides legal advocacy services for people with disabilities in Oregon, or similar advocacy organizations to assist the task force in the performance of its function.

Members of the task force would be appointed from the following state agencies: Legislative Assembly, Oregon Judicial Department, Department of Human Services, and Long Term Care Ombudsman. Passage of the bill would have minimal fiscal impact to these agencies because all members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses. The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that each agency will have to re-prioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.