

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2289 - A

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Measure Description:

Creates Task Force on Accountable Schools.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Legislative Administration

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:

The measure establishes the 14 member Task Force on Accountable Schools charged with recommending a new student summative assessment, evaluation measures of college and career readiness, statewide standardized performance report and rating system based on letter grades, implementation of formative testing and student performance data systems, and tools and resources for schools needing assistance to meet standards. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim committee related to education by January 1, 2012. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage. The task force sunsets on the date of the convening of the 2012 regular session.

Members of the task force that are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation. This fiscal assumes that membership on the task force will have a minimal expenditure impact on participating entities and that any resulting work can be absorbed with existing resources. Each affected entity will have to reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.

The Legislative Assembly budget contains some funding for the participation of legislators on interim committees. The measure directs the Legislative Administration Committee to provide staff support to the task force. If the cumulative effect of the enactment of other bills exceeds expenditure levels assumed in the Legislative Administration's budget, Legislative Administration may need to seek additional resources.

The measure establishes the Accountable Schools Task Force Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, continuously appropriates the moneys in the fund to the task force and credits interest earned back to the fund. The measure stipulates that the fund shall consist of public or private contributions and that no General Fund monies may be deposited into the fund. The measure is operative on the date which sufficient moneys have been deposited into the fund to allow the task force to complete the assigned tasks.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The source of funds and the amount of moneys that are required to complete the tasks is unknown.