

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2325 - A**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Establishes the Oregon Elder Abuse Task Force

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Oregon District Attorneys Association, Commission on Senior Services, Department of Human Services

Summary of Fiscal 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 2325 establishes the 14 member Oregon Elder Abuse Task Force charged with addressing the issue of elder abuse. The task force is required to study and make recommendations on [1] the definition of elder abuse; [2] the criminal background check system and its role in preventing and investigating elder abuse; [3] the process for conducting elder abuse investigations; [4] the elder abuse data reporting systems; [2] information that could be made available to the public regarding elder abuse and investigations of elder abuse. The bill directs the task force to prepare a detailed assessment of the costs to implement the task force's recommendations. The assessment must address both current and future needs in providing elder abuse prevention and investigation services. The task force is required to submit a report that may include recommendations for legislation to an appropriate interim committee of the legislature no later than January 15, 2012. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage. The task force sunsets on February 29, 2012.

The Legislative Assembly, the Long Term Care Ombudsman, the Oregon District Attorneys Association, the Commission on Senior Services, and the Department of Human Services are identified as participants of the task force. All members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses. This fiscal assumes that membership on the task force will have minimal impact on these agencies and that any resulting work can be absorbed with existing resources. Each agency will have to reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.

The task force may meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair or the majority of the voting members. The bill allows the task force to accept donations of staff support, office space and equipment from advocacy or service provider organizations to assist the task force in the performance of its functions.