FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Abolishes the State Commission on Children and Families. Establishes the Early Learning Council in the Office of the Governor. Creates a twelve-member Task Force on Improving Educational Success for At-Risk Youth.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

State Commission on Children and Families, Office of the Governor, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Oregon Youth Authority

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 3086 abolishes the State Commission on Children and Families, and establishes the Early Learning Council in the Office of the Governor. The bill establishes an Early Learning Council Fund. With an operative date of July 1, 2011, the bill transfers all the duties, functions, powers and unexpended balances of the State Commission on Children and Families to the Early Learning Council. Local commissions on children and families are directed to convene and collaborate on joint recommendations to the Early Learning Council regarding how the work of the local commissions may be aligned with the work of the council, with recommendations due by September 15, 2011. The local commissions on children and families are abolished June 30, 2012. In addition, the Early Learning Council is charged with formulating and directing a unified system of early childhood services that is effectively coordinated with and connected to the public education system. The Early Learning Council is directed to submit a report that includes recommendations for legislation to appropriate interim legislative committees before November 1, 2011. The bill also creates a twelve-member Task Force on Improving Educational Success for At-Risk Youth. The task force is charged with reviewing the various funding sources currently available to provide services to at-risk youth and making recommendations for improving the coordination of services and programs.

At this time, the fiscal and budgetary ramifications of this measure cannot be fully quantified. The purpose of this fiscal impact statement is to note that information gathering for a more detailed analysis is in process.

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Rules to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

A more thorough and complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.