

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3391**

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**Measure Description:**

Establishes Task Force on Military Families.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Veterans' Affairs, Oregon Military Department

**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:**

HB 3391 establishes a Task Force on Military Families, consisting of at least nine members, and charged with educating the public about the needs of military families, and identifying resources to assist military families throughout the state.

The bill directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Oregon Military Department to provide staff support for the task force. These two agencies anticipate using existing staff and resources to support the task force. Each agency will have to reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.

The bill requires the task force to prepare educational and outreach materials to assist in bridging the gap between military and civilian sectors. The Department of Veterans' Affairs estimates the printing cost to be \$10,000 for 5,000 brochures.

Members of the task force are entitled to travel and other expenses reimbursements. The bill allows the task force to meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair or the majority of the voting members. In addition to regular organizational and business meetings, the task force is required to conduct meetings with military families throughout the state. At this time, the fiscal impact of meeting and travel related reimbursement expenses is indeterminate depending on the number of task force members, as well as the locations and frequencies of meetings. Although the bill states that claims for reimbursement expenses are to be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Oregon Military Department for purposes of the task force, the bill does not contain an appropriation to either agency.