

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3451

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Measure Description:

Creates Task Force on McKenzie River Subbasin.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Administration Committee, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

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 3451 establishes the Task Force on the McKenzie River Subbasin charged with preparing a set of proposals related to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife's implementation in the McKenzie River Subbasin of strategies specified in the Upper Willamette River Conservation and Recovery Plan for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead. The task force is required to submit a report that may include recommendations for legislation to an appropriate interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2012. The bill requires the Legislative Administration Committee to provide staff support to the task force. The task force sunsets on January 2, 2014.

At this time, the fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate. The bill states that members of the task force may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses. However, the bill leaves blank the number and composition of task force members. 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. At this time, the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate depending on, the locations and frequencies of meetings, as well as the number and geographic location of members.

The bill establishes a McKenzie River Subbasin Fund, and authorizes the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to accept donations, contributions or gifts from any source for deposit into this fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Legislative Administration Committee to cover reimbursement costs and provide staff support to the task force. However, the bill does not specify the amount of funds to be appropriated, and no source of revenue has been identified.