

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3451 - A**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session  
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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 may comprise of seven to ten members. 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 task force sunsets on January 2, 2014.

The bill requires the Legislative Administration Committee to provide staff support to the task force. The bill establishes a McKenzie River Subbasin Fund, and authorizes the task force to accept donations, contributions or gifts from any source for deposit into this fund. Moneys in the fund is to be continuously appropriated to the Legislative Administration Committee to cover task force expenses, including the cost of staff support, hiring a mediator and reimbursing task force members. However, the bill does not specify the amount of funds to be appropriated, and no source of revenue has been identified.

The bill states that members of the task force may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses. 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, reimbursement costs are indeterminate depending on the frequency and location of task force meetings, as well as the number and geographic location of members. In addition, the total fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate depending on the staffing workload and expertise needed by the task force. The bill anticipates that the task force may need to obtain the services of a mediator to assist the task force in coming to a consensus on the proposals to be prepared. At this time, the number of mediation hours cannot be predicted.