

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 291 - A

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Measure Description:

Creates Expanded Learning Opportunities 2011 Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Department of Human Services (DHS), Employment 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:

SB 291 creates a 26-member Expanded Learning Opportunities 2011 Task Force charged with:

1. Reviewing federal funding allocations to the state that are received by multiple agencies, and making recommendations for a unified funding source; and
2. Examining various aspects of extended learning opportunities (before-school, after-school and summer programs) for children kindergarten through grade 12 statewide, including a review of research and best practice models.

The task force is required to submit a concise report of findings and recommendations to the State Board of Education, the Governor, the Department of Human Services and an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2012. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage. The task force sunsets on the convening of the 2013 legislative session.

Along with educators, businesses and nonprofit organizations, the bill identifies the following state agencies as participants of the task force: Oregon University System, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Employment Department, Department of Justice, Housing and Community Services Department, and the Oregon University System. The task force will meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair, co-chair or a majority of the voting members. Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for 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 bill directs the Department of Education, Department of Human Services and the Employment Department to provide staff and support to the task force. The bill authorizes the Department of Education to accept contributions from other public and private sources. The Department of Education is required to compensate the Department of Human Services and the Employment Department for their costs in assisting the task force.

The fiscal impact of this bill on the Department of Education, Department of Human Services and the Employment Department is minimal. These three agencies anticipate using existing staff and resources to support the task force.