FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Tuition Waivers for Spouses and Dependents of Fallen and Disabled Soldiers at Community Colleges in Oregon for purposes related to issuance of tuition waivers for eligible students at community college districts.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs

Summary of 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:

The measure establishes the Task Force on Tuition Waivers for Spouses and Dependents of Fallen and Disabled Soldiers at Community Colleges in Oregon charged with determining a common set of policies on tuition waivers for qualified students and aligning the policies on tuition waivers with the policies of the Oregon University System. The task force is comprised of the 17 community college district presidents or a designee, and is directed to work in consultation with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA). Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation. The task force is required to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than the convening of the 2012 regular session. The task force sunsets on the date of the convening of the 2012 regular session.

The measure directs the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development (CCWD) to provide staff support to the task force. CCWD assumes that the task force will meet monthly at locations that will not charge for space. CCWD anticipates reprioritizing the duties and responsibilities of existing staff to provide administrative support to the task force.

ODVA anticipates a minimal fiscal impact regarding consultation with the task force.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that depending on the cumulative workload requirements added this session or possible budget reductions, the legislature may need to review staffing requirements in the future should this legislation pass.