

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 936

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Long Term Care to make policy recommendations to Department of Human Services and Governor concerning access to and quality of long term care and long term care workforce.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

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:

Senate Bill 936 establishes the Task Force on Long Term Care charged with advising the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Governor on policy options for addressing changes in utilization of various long term care settings serving seniors and people with disabilities. The Director of Human Services is authorized to appoint members of the task force. The bill does not specify the number of task force members. The bill outlines guidelines for selecting members, and specifies the focus of the task force's recommendations. The task force sunsets on the convening date of the 2013 legislative session.

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact on DHS. The bill directs DHS to provide staff support to the task force. The bill states that members of the task force may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses, and stipulates that claims for reimbursement expenses are to be paid out of funds appropriated to DHS for the purposes of the task force. However, the bill does not specify the amount of funds to be appropriated. Based on the time investment and workload devoted to similar task force previously supported by the department, DHS estimates the cost of providing support to this task force to be approximately \$51,740 General Fund and 0.25 FTE for the 2011-13 biennium. This amount includes Personal Services for a limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3, as well as meeting, training and reimbursement expenses.