

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2345 – 3

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Oregon Innovation in Infrastructure Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon State Treasurer, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

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 2345 with the – 3 amendment establishes the ten-member Oregon Innovation in Infrastructure Task Force charged with making recommendations to the legislature regarding participation in a west coast infrastructure exchange to partner with innovators in other states and regions on the west coast to evaluate the status of existing infrastructures and to develop and implement critical infrastructure projects, including but not limited to projects involving energy transmission and efficiency, water storage capacity, municipal water systems and wastewater management. Recommendations should include creating and implementing new mechanism and strategies for financing critical infrastructure projects. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2013. The bill sunsets on June 30, 2014. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

At this time, the bill is anticipated to have an indeterminate impact on the State Treasurer and on the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). The bill directs the State Treasurer and DAS to provide staff support to the task force. 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. Members of the task force are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses. DAS is required to cover claims for these expenses. This fiscal assumes that the State Treasurer and DAS will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to provide the task force with support staff, and that any resulting work can be absorbed with existing agency resources.