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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on School Funding.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Office of the Governor, Department of Education, education service districts, school districts, schools, school boards

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 2506 with the – 2 amendment establishes the 13-member Task Force on School Funding charged with making recommendations regarding possible modifications to the funding formulas used to distribute State School Fund moneys to school districts and education service districts. The recommendations must align with the policies established by the Oregon Education Investment Board and with state goals. The task force is required to submit a report that may include recommendations for legislation to an interim committee of the legislature by October 1, 2014.

In addition to four legislators, the remaining nine members of the task force include individuals who represent education service districts, school districts, schools, and school boards. This fiscal assumes that membership and participation on the task force will have minimal impact on these entities, and that any resulting work can be absorbed with existing resources. Each entity will have to reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force. All members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to per diem or reimbursements.

The Office of the Governor is directed to provide staff support to the task force. This fiscal assumes that the Office of the Governor will use existing staff and resources to carry out this directive.