

SB 552

Relating to state financial administration

Senate Bill 552 establishes the eight-member Task Force on the State Budget Process charged with reviewing statutory provisions governing the process of developing the state budget to identify statutory provisions that are outdated, unnecessary or in need of modification; and to recommend statutory additions and changes that will modernize the state budget process aligning it with the desired outcomes recommended by the Governor and adopted by the Legislature. The task force is required to submit a report to the Legislature by November 15, 2013.

The fiscal impact of this bill is minimal, assuming that the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Department of Administrative Services, Legislative Administration, and the Legislative Revenue Office will reprioritize duties and responsibilities to support, and participate on the task force.

Your General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 552 be reported out “do pass”.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Buckley
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Devlin

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

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Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 19, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Task Force on State Budget Process. Specifies membership and procedural requirements. Directs Task Force to review existing statutory provisions governing the process of developing the state budget, including but not limited to provisions in ORS chapters 291 and 293 to (1) identify statutory provisions that are outdated, unnecessary or in need of modification; and (2) recommend a comprehensive changes that will modernize and align the state budget process with the desired outcomes recommended by the Governor and adopted by the Legislature. Declares an emergency. Sunsets on the convening of the 2014 Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for bill
- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon budgets on a biennial basis (July 1st of odd-numbered year to June 30th of next odd-numbered year). Adjustments to a biennium's budget made by the Emergency Board (interim) or the Legislature (even-year short session, special session, or next regular session). Article IX, Section 4, Oregon Constitution provides budgetary authority to the Legislature. Provisions in ORS chapters 291 and 293 provide budgetary instruction. SB 552 directs Task Force on State Budget Process to review existing statutory provisions governing the process of developing the state budget, including but not limited to provisions in ORS chapters 291 and 293 to (1) identify statutory provisions that are outdated, unnecessary or in need of modification; and (2) recommend a comprehensive changes that will modernize and align the state budget process with the desired outcomes recommended by the Governor and adopted by the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 552**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***

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Date: 6/11/2013

Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on State Budget Process.

Government Unit(s) Affected:Legislative Administration, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO),
Legislative Revenue Office (LRO)**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:

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The Legislative Administrator is required to provide staff support to the task force, and claims for expenses are to be paid by Legislative Administration. 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. The fiscal impact of meeting expenses is indeterminate depending on the geographic location of task force members, as well as the locations and frequencies of meetings. The Legislative Administration budget contains some funding for staffing and production of reports for interim committees. However, if the cumulative effect of the enactment of other bills exceeds expenditure levels assumed in the Legislative Administration's budget, Legislative Administration may need to seek additional resources

In addition to four legislators, members of the task force include: (1) the Legislative Fiscal Officer; (2) the Legislative Revenue Officer; (3) the Director of the Chief Financial Office of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services; and (4) the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. This fiscal assumes that the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Department of Administrative Services, Legislative Administration, and the Legislative Revenue Office will absorb the fiscal impact of this bill, and that these heads of departments will reprioritize duties and responsibilities to participate on the task force.