

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2395

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Human Trafficking to conduct study and make recommendations for legislation addressing issues related to human trafficking in Oregon.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Justice (DOJ), Legislative Administration

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 2395 establishes a 5-member Task Force on Human Trafficking charged with studying issues related to human trafficking in Oregon. The task force is required to submit a report with recommendation for legislation to a committee of the Legislature related to judiciary no later than October 1, 2014. The task force sunsets on the convening of the 2015 legislative session. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on its passage.

Department of Justice

At this time, the bill is anticipated to have an indeterminate impact on the Department of Justice (DOJ). The bill directs DOJ to provide staff support and technical expertise 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. Four out of the five members of the task force will be legislators. The one member of the task force who will not be a member of the Legislative Assembly will not be entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses. The fiscal impact of this bill on DOJ is indeterminate depending on the geographic location of this task force member, the locations and frequencies of meetings, and the amount and level of expertise of staff support required by the task force. This fiscal assumes that DOJ will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to provide the task force with support staff and technical expertise, and that any resulting work and reimbursement expenses can be absorbed with existing agency resources. However, if the staffing requirements and technical expertise required exceed expectations, DOJ may need to return to the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly to seek position authority for additional staff in the event that reprioritization of duties and responsibilities of existing staff is not feasible.

Legislative Administration

HB 2395 is anticipated to have minimal impact on Legislative Administration. The four task force members who are legislators are entitled to per diem and reimbursements for expenses related to the work of the task force. The Legislative Assembly budget contains some funding for the participation of legislators on interim committees. Legislative Administration assumes that meetings will be held at the Capitol in conjunction with interim Legislative Days, however depending on the location and frequency of meetings, Legislative Administration may have increased costs. 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.