

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2345

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Measure Description:

Establishes West Coast Critical Infrastructure Exchange Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Business Development Department (Business Oregon), Oregon State Treasurer

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 establishes the 10-member West Coast Critical Infrastructure Exchange Task Force charged with making recommendations to the Legislative Assembly regarding participation in a west coast infrastructure exchange, partnering 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, 2014. The bill sunsets on June 30, 2015. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

State Treasurer

At this time, the bill is anticipated to have an indeterminate impact on the State Treasurer. The bill directs the State Treasurer to provide staff support to the task force. This fiscal assumes that the State Treasurer 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. However, if the staffing requirements required exceed expectations, the State Treasurer 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.

Business Development Department (Business Oregon)

At this time, the bill is anticipated to have an indeterminate impact on Business Oregon. 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 six member of the task force who will not be a member of the Legislative Assembly may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses. The bill specifies that claims for these expenses are to be paid out of funds appropriated to Business Oregon for the purpose of the task force. However, the bill does not appropriate any funds to Business Oregon for this purpose. This fiscal assumes that Business Oregon will reimburse these expenses with existing agency resources. However, if the expenses of the task force exceed expectations, Business Oregon may need to return to the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly to seek additional resources.