

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 761

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Virtual School Governance for purpose of recommending governance structure for virtual education that is provided statewide.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, 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:

Senate Bill 761 creates a nine-member Task Force on Virtual School Governance charged with recommending a governance structure for virtual education that is provided statewide.

Legislative Administration Committee

The Legislative Administration Committee is required to provide staff support to the task force, and to cover reimbursements for expenses task force members incur in serving the task force. The fiscal impact of this bill on the Legislative Administration Committee is indeterminate depending on the number and geographic location of task force meetings, as well as the workload required of support staff. As a point of reference, Legislative Administration offers the following information: Using the average cost per legislator for attendance at interim committee or task force meeting, and assuming 15 meetings, reimbursement costs for the four legislative members of the task force, could equal approximately \$10,980 General Fund. Although the 2013-15 Legislative Administration budget contains funds allocated for previously anticipated legislator expenses for participation in interim committee and task force meetings, based on current budget projections, the Legislative Assembly does not have excess funding for additional reimbursements. Furthermore, if the meetings of the Commission do not coincide with scheduled Legislative Days, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2013-15 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Department of Education

The bill requires the Department of Education to appoint a representative to the task force. The agency also anticipates providing the task force with decision support data. The Department of Education reports that the agency will use existing staff and resources to carry out this work.