

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 450 - A**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on the Delivery of Human Services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Assembly, Department of Human Services (DHS), Housing and Community Services Department, Department of Corrections (DOC), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Association of Oregon Counties, Early Learning Council

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 450 A-Engrossed establishes the 20-member Task Force on the Delivery of Human Services charged with:

- Studying the delivery of human services in Oregon to streamline case management, and to help individuals who need assistance to access and navigate the systems.
- Investigating models for delivery of human services in other states.
- Identifying existing regulatory barriers that prevent a unified human services delivery system.
- Determining which human services programs and services are conducive to a unified delivery system and which must remain separate.
- Investigating how to improve information systems, and how to increase the efficiency of facilities usage.

The bill requires the task force to submit a preliminary report to an interim legislative committee by no later than October 1, 2013, and a final report by June 1, 2014. The task force sunsets on the convening of the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is directed to provide staff support to the task force, and is required to pay for expense reimbursements. Members of the task force are entitled to reimbursements for travel and other expenses. 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. This fiscal assumes that DAS will use existing staff and resources to support the work of the task force. However, if staffing and reimbursement requirements exceed expectations, DAS may need to return to the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly to seek additional funding and position authority.

The Legislative Assembly, the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Housing and Community Services Department, the Department of Corrections, the Oregon Health Authority, the Association of Oregon Counties, and the Early Learning Council are required to appoint representatives to serve as members of the task force. Each of these entities anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.