

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 3238**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Achievement Gaps.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Oregon Educational Investment Board, school districts, education service districts

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 3238 establishes the Task Force on Achievement Gaps charged with identifying methods for improving the student achievement gap among student groups including those identified by culture, poverty, language, and race. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim legislative committee by October 1, 2014.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is required to provide staffing to the task force. This fiscal assumes that ODE will use existing staff to support the task force. ODE also anticipates that passage of this bill will require the department to collect and analyze data regarding gaps in student achievement to present to the task force. ODE will use existing staff and resources to gather the information that will help the task force produce the report required by this bill. However, if the data collection and support required by this task force, or if the cumulative effect of the enactment of other bills that require ODE to support task forces, exceeds expectations, the department may need to return to the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly to seek additional funding and position authority.

Members of the task force are to be appointed from school districts, education service districts and other groups identified by the Superintendent of Public Education. This fiscal assumes participation on the task force will have minimal impact on these entities, and that any resulting work can be absorbed with existing resources. Each entity will have to reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force. All members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to per diem or reimbursements.