

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 170**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
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**Measure Description:**

Creates Task Force on Educator Health Benefits.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Legislative Branch, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

**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 170 establishes a six-member Task Force on Educator Health Benefits charged with: (1) reviewing the benefit plans provided through the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB); (2) analyzing the benefits provided by the administration of the benefit plans; and (3) determining whether enactment of statutes to establish OEBB in the Oregon Health Authority to contract for health and dental plans and other benefits for employees of school districts and education service districts has resulted in cost savings to the state. The task force is required to submit a report that may include recommendations for legislation to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by June 1, 2014. The task force becomes effective on January 1, 2014, and sunsets June 30, 2014.

**Legislative Branch**

The fiscal impact of this bill on Legislative Administration, Legislative Counsel, Legislative Revenue Office, and the Legislative Fiscal Office is indeterminate depending on the nature and scope of the information and assistance the task force may request from these offices. The bill directs the task force to use the services of the permanent legislative staff to the greatest extent possible. At this time, the nature and scope of the information and assistance the task force may request cannot be predicted.

Additional variable factors that will affect the fiscal impact of the task force on the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Administration include the number and geographic location of meetings, the scope of the work undertaken, and the funding garnered by the task force. The bill allows the Legislative Administrator to accept contributions of moneys and assistance from any source, public or private, to support the duties of the task force. At this time, no such source of funding has been identified. The bill provides that claims for expenses incurred in serving the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly. Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Members of the task force who are members of the Legislative Assembly are entitled to per diem and reimbursements for expenses incurred in the performance of official duties. The bill allows the task force to specify the times and places of the meetings. The fiscal impact of this bill on the Legislative Assembly is indeterminate depending on the number of task force meetings. As a point of reference, Legislative Administration offers the following information: The average cost per legislator for attendance at interim committee or task force meetings is \$183 per day. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at the \$123 per day rate, and the average mileage per legislator for attendance at interim committee or task force meetings is 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.565 per mile. Furthermore, if meetings are held outside

the Capitol Building, support staff will incur travel expenses. Although the 2013-15 Legislative Administration budget contains funds allocated for support of interim committees and task forces, if the work required by this task force, 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.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The fiscal impact of this bill on OHA/OEBB is indeterminate depending on the nature and scope of the information and assistance the task force may request from OHA/OEBB.