

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 551**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Capital Construction Budget Process.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), 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:

Senate Bill 551 establishes the eight-member Task Force on the Capital Construction Budget Process charged with creating a current inventory of state-owned buildings, and reviewing existing statutory provisions governing the process of developing the capital construction portion of the state budget in order to make recommendations for statutory changes that will allow the Legislature to develop budgets for capital construction projects based on identified long-term goals for the state. The task force is required to report the Legislative Assembly by October 15, 2014. The task force sunsets on the date of the convening of the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The bill declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The Legislative Administrator is required to provide staff support to the task force, and claims for expenses are to be paid by Legislative Administration. 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. The Legislative Administration budget contains some funding for staffing and production of reports for interim committees. However, if the cumulative effect of the enactment of other bills exceeds expenditure levels assumed in the Legislative Administration's budget, Legislative Administration may need to seek additional resources

In addition to four legislators, members of the task force include: (1) the Legislative Fiscal Officer; (2) the State Treasurer or a designee; (3) the Director of the Chief Financial Office of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services; and (4) the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. This fiscal assumes that the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Department of Administrative Services, Legislative Administration, and the State Treasurer will absorb the fiscal impact of this bill, and that these heads of departments will reprioritize duties and responsibilities to participate on the task force.