

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 617**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Housing for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

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 617 establishes the seven-member Task Force on Housing for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities to:

1. Develop a plan and making recommendations for the use of monies in the Community Housing Trust Account;
2. Develop a strategic plan and vision that include community integration and self-determination opportunities;
3. Examine and recommend innovative methods to support persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities with community housing assistance and opportunities;
4. Examine the ownership of existing community housing stock and options to modernize from the group home model;
5. Determine methods to create partnerships with housing advocates, housing authorities and providers;
6. Submit a report to an interim committee by September 15, 2016.

The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016. The measure contains an emergency clause making it effective on passage.

The fiscal impact of the bill on the Department of Human Services (DHS) is indeterminate. DHS is required to provide staffing for the task force, and to reimburse task force members 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 reimbursement and meeting expenses is indeterminate depending on the geographic location of task force members, as well as the locations and frequencies of meetings.

This fiscal impact assumes that DHS will use existing staff and resources to support the task force. However, if the support required by the task force exceeds staffing capacity, DHS may need to return to the Emergency Board or Legislative Assembly to seek additional funding and position authority. As a point of reference, DHS estimates the cost of an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (0.25 FTE) to support the task force for 18 months to be approximately \$59,616 Total Funds (\$29,813 General Fund and \$29,803 Federal Funds).