

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2402 - 2**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Establishes Task Force on State Department of Fish and Wildlife Funding.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

**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 2402 as amended establishes the Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education charged with identifying and recommending potential alternative and sustainable funding sources for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and opportunities for ODFW to better achieve its mission and conservation program objectives through leveraging funding sources. The bill requires the task force to report to the Legislature within 30 days after its final meeting or at a time designated by the President and Speaker. The bill sunsets on December 31, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

The bill also establishes the Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education Fund to be continuously appropriated to the Legislative Administration Committee to fund the work of the task force. The bill allows LAC to accept contributions of moneys and assistance.

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee (LAC)

The fiscal impact of this bill on Legislative Administration Committee is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the task force. Members of the task force are entitled to reimbursement, and Legislative Administration is required to provide staff for the task force. Although the 2015-17 Legislative Branch budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, 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 2015-17 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

This fiscal assumes that this bill will have minimal impact on ODFW. The Department will use existing staff and resources to provide the task force with existing available data, information, advice and other support.