

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 617 - A**

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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 13-member Task Force on Housing for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities to:

1. Develop a plan and make recommendations for the use of moneys in certain funds 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 current ownership and options for use of equity in existing community housing stock;
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 Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities is required to provide staffing for the task force. The Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities reports that it will absorb the staff work into its existing program. Note that the Oregon Council on Development Disabilities receives some funding from the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities budget.

The fiscal impact of the bill on the Department of Human Services (DHS) is indeterminate. DHS is required 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.

\*The 2015-17 Governor’s Budget removes all moneys from the Community Housing Trust Funds (approximately \$6 million) and uses them to help fund the DHS Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities program operating budget.