

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 772

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Measure Description:

Requires video transmissions of executive department and legislative department to be closed-captioned for access by hearing-impaired persons.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Statewide

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 772 requires all executive branch and legislative branch video transmissions distributed to the public through means of the Internet, cable television or broadcast television, or through disc, film or videotape to be closed-captioned for the hearing-impaired. This requirement applies to all video transmissions created on or after January 1, 2016. The bill exempts two-way video transmissions intended to facilitate communications between specific individuals. The bill contains an emergency clause, and is effective on passage.

Legislative Branch

The Legislative Administration Committee (LAC) estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$432,720 General Fund for the 2015-17 biennium, and \$374,760 General Fund for the 2017-19 biennium. These amounts include the one-time cost of purchasing 14 encoders as well as ongoing costs of hardware and software support agreements, phone lines for each encoder, and contracts for transcription.

Executive Branch Agencies

The majority of executive branch agencies have no or very few video transmissions distributed to the public distributed to the public through means of the Internet, cable television or broadcast television, or through disc, film or videotape therefore, these agencies reported no or minimal fiscal impact.

Exceptions to this are the following agencies:

- Oregon Department of Education (ODE)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB)
- Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)
- Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC)
- Oregon State Police (OSP)

These agencies provided projections of costs ranging from \$18,000 to \$100,000 per biennium.