

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 774**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Measure Description:

Creates task force to investigate expanding authority of Home Care Commission to provide services to home care workers.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), 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 774 establishes the five-member Task Force on the Home Care Commission charged with investigating expanding the authority of the Home Care Commission to provide services to the home care workers on the registry maintained by the Commission. The bill requires the task force to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly within 30 days after its final meeting or at such later time as the President and Speaker may designate. The task force sunsets on the date of the convening of the 2016 regular Legislative session. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

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. The bill directs the task force to use existing legislative staff to the greatest extent practicable, but authorizes the Legislative Administrator to employ persons necessary for the performance of the functions of the task force. At this time, the Legislative Administrator cannot predict the classification and amount of staffing that will be required by 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.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

The fiscal impact of the bill on DHS is indeterminate. Because the Home Care Commission is a part of the Department of Human Services' Aging and Persons with Disabilities (APD) Division, DHS anticipates playing a role in furnishing the task force with information, advice, and other support. The fiscal impact of this bill on DHS will depend on what kind of assistance the task force requests from the agency.