

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2402**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
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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 establishes the nine-member Task Force on State Department of Fish and Wildlife Funding charged with identifying and recommending potential alternative 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.

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. Four members of the task force will be Legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel 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.

Note that the bill permits the Legislative Administrator to employ and compensate personnel necessary to support the task force.

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.