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Measure: HB 2322 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Task Force on the Garnishment of Inmate Property.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Legislative Assembly, Department of Corrections (DOC), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Department of Justice (DOJ)

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:

The bill establishes the seven-member Task Force on Garnishment of Inmate Property charged with studying issues related to the garnishment of Department of Corrections inmate property for certain reasons and purpose. The bill requires the task force to submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislature by July 1, 2013. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee (LAC)

Two members of the task force will be Legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement, and the bill requires the Committee Services Office of the Legislative Administration to provide staff to the task force, and to reimburse task force members for travel and other expenses incurred in their performance of task force duties out of funds appropriated to LAC for purposes of the task force. However, the bill does not appropriate additional funds to LAC.

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.

<u>Department of Corrections (DOC)</u>, <u>Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)</u>, <u>Department of Justice (DOJ)</u>
The fiscal impact of this bill to DOC, OJD and DOJ is minimal. This fiscal analysis assumes that these agencies will use existing staff and resources to provide the task force with available information, advice and other support.

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