

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 890

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Measure Description:

Establishes Two Generational Approach to Success Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Business Development Department (OBDD), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Department of Human Services (DHS), Education Investment Board, Housing and Community Services Department, Legislative Assembly, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

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 890 establishes the 16-member Two Generational Approach to Success Task Force charged with developing a measurement of prosperity that provides a tool for evaluating the success of Oregon in meeting its goals to reduce poverty and increase prosperity. This measurement must recognize the assets and the deficits associated with the poverty experienced by people of color, working class people, immigrants, intergenerational families and other groups or individuals. The task force is required to research poverty and prosperity measures adopted in other states, and identify waivers of federal statutes that are necessary to use the new definitions and measures effectively in federally funded programs. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim Senate committee by September 15, 2016. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016.

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

The bill requires DAS to provide staff support to the task force, and reimburse the 12 non-Legislative members of the task force for travel and other expenses out of funds appropriated to DAS for purposes of the task force. However, the bill does not appropriate additional funds to DAS, which would seem to suggest that expenses for reimbursement and staff support are intended to come from the DAS Legislatively Approved Budget, which does not contemplate expenditures specifically for this purpose.

The bill allows the task force to meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair or a majority of the voting members. The fiscal impact of providing staff support and covering member reimbursements on DAS will depend on the scope of work undertaken by the task force, as well as the number of meetings, and geographic location of task force members. DAS expects to reprioritize staff and resources to carry out the work, but if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces is beyond the level that can be absorbed, DAS may need additional resources.

Legislative Assembly

Four members of the task force will be Legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. 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), Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD)
Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD)
Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB)

The fiscal impact of this bill to DHS, HCSD, OHA, OBDD, and OEIB is minimal. The bill requires these agencies serve as members on the tasks force. This fiscal assumes these agencies will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.