

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 311 – MRA

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Task Force on Supporting and Improving Foster Parenting in Oregon

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

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 311 – MRA establishes the 16-member Task Force on Supporting and Improving Foster Parenting in Oregon charged with studying and making recommendations on foster care program quality and workforce issues related to the provision of foster care. The bill requires the task force to submit a report to an interim legislative committee by October 15, 2016. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

The bill requires DHS to provide staff support to the task force. Non-legislative members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement. The fiscal impact of this bill depends on the scope of work undertaken by the task force. DHS will reprioritize resources to provide staff support to the task force. However, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces are beyond those that can be absorbed, DHS may need additional General Fund appropriation.

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.

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

The fiscal impact of this bill to OJD is minimal. The bill requires the Chief Justice to appoint two members to the task force. This fiscal assumes that OJD will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force