

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 913 - MRA

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Illegal Ivory.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Legislative Assembly

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

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 measure establishes the nine-member Task Force on Illegal Ivory charged with studying the problem of illegal ivory sales and possession in Oregon to determine the scope of the problem. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim Legislative committee by September 15, 2015. The task force is repealed December 31, 2016.

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

The fiscal impact of this bill on ODFW is indeterminate. The bill requires ODFW to provide staff support to the task force, and reimburse the non-Legislative members of the task force for travel and other expenses incurred in their performance of task force duties out of funds appropriated to ODFW for purposes of the task force. However, the bill does not appropriate additional funds to ODFW, which would seem to suggest that expenses for reimbursement and staff support are intended to come from its 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 this bill on ODFW is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the task force, as well as the number of meetings, and geographic location of task force members.

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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.