

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3500 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Task Force on Expanding Access to More Voters in Primary Elections.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Secretary of State, Oregon
Association of County Clerks

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 3500 establishes the 17-member Task Force on Expanding Access to More Voters in Primary Elections charged with conducting an analysis to determine the best method for establishing open primary elections in Oregon. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim legislative committee by December 31, 2015. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016. The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

Legislative Assembly

At least 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.

Legislative Administration Committee

Committee Services is directed to provide staff support to the task force, and to reimburse non-legislative members of 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.

Secretary of State, Oregon Association of County Clerks

The Secretary of State and the Oregon Association of County Clerks are required to appoint representatives to serve as members of the task force. This fiscal assumes that participation on the task force will have minimal impact on these entities. Each of these organizations will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.