

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2838 - A

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Versions are Considered Official*

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Measure Description:

Establishes Oregon Incarcerated Veterans Outreach Program in Department of Veterans' Affairs to conduct outreach and provide assistance to incarcerated veterans and spouses and dependents of incarcerated veterans.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Corrections, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Office of the Governor, Task Force/Committees, Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Legislative Assembly, Statewide

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$51,068	
Total Funds	\$51,068	\$0

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 a taskforce on Incarcerated Veterans, to be staffed by the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs (ODVA), and directs all agencies of state government to assist the task force in the performance of its duties. Membership of the task force consists of representatives from the Legislative Assembly, ODVA, Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Governor is directed to appoint two individuals who have been incarcerated veterans or who have had experience with incarcerated veterans. The task force is directed to research, study and make recommendations related to incarcerated veterans as well as submit a report to the interim legislative committees, with subject matter jurisdiction of veterans' affairs, no later than September 15, 2016. Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

ODVA anticipates contracting for a facilitator to provide staff support and oversee the report preparation for an estimated cost of \$30,000 General Fund in the 2015-17 biennium. Other service and supply costs such as transportation mileage reimbursement, room rentals, materials and report publication are estimated to cost \$21,068 General Fund in the 2015-17 biennium.

The fiscal impact to the Legislative Assembly, DOC, Office of the Governor and state agencies is estimated to be minimal and absorbable within existing parameters of the agencies budgets.