

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2547 - B

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Housing with Services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Housing and Community Services Department, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), counties

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 2547 establishes the 16-member Task Force on Housing with Services charged with seeking input from stakeholders in order to recommend a definition for housing with services, defining consumer rights, setting standards for licensure and registration, and investigating the market demand for housing with services projects. The task force is required to report to an interim legislative committee by December 1, 2015. The task force also sunsets on December 1, 2015. The bill contains an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

DHS is required to provide staff support and to the task force, and reimburse the eleven 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 DHS for purposes of the task force. However, the bill does not appropriate additional funds to DHS, 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 and times and places specified by the call of the chair or a majority of the voting members. The fiscal impact of this bill depends on the scope of work undertaken by the task force, as well as the number of meetings, and geographic location of task force members. At a minimum, DHS estimates the agency would need a potential \$15,434 Total Funds to reimburse 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.

Long Term Care Ombudsman, Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, Department of Justice, counties

The fiscal impact of this bill to Long Term Care Ombudsman, Housing and Community Services Department, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, Department of Justice, and counties is anticipated to be minimal.