

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4113 - 1

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Drought Emergency Response as nonlegislative task force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Water Resources Department

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 4113 with the - 1 amendment establishes the 11 to 15 member Task Force on Drought Emergency Response as a non-legislative task force charged with researching and evaluating potential tools to prepare and respond to drought emergencies, including identifying options to minimize the impact of drought. The task force is required to submit a report to an interim legislative committee by November 1, 2016. The report should include recommendations for improving communication to raise awareness of drought conditions, as well as efforts to mitigate and adapt to drought. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016.

The bill requires the Water Resource Department to provide staff support to the task force, and to reimburse task force members. The Water Resource Department estimates the fiscal impact of these activities to be \$47,365 General Fund. This amount includes Personal Services expenses for a six-month limited duration position to support the task force with research, report writing, as well as meeting coordination.

Note that although the bill stipulates that claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the council shall be paid out of funds available to the Water Resource Department for purposes of the council, the bill does not appropriated funding for this purpose.