

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

**Measure: HB 4050 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Creates Policy Advisory Council on Summer Learning.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Department of Education, Chief Education Office, Legislative Assembly, Office of the Governor, Oregon State Library

**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:**

HB 4050 establishes the Policy Advisory Council on Summer Learning charged with making policy recommendations to ensure that children from prekindergarten through grade 12 are provided with access to meaningful summer education programs by January 1, 2022. The Council sunsets on December 31, 2017. The Council is directed to develop policy recommendations, reporting to an interim committee of the legislature by September 15, 2016, and again by December 1, 2016.

The fiscal impact of this bill on Legislative Administration Committee (LAC) is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the Council. The bill requires the Legislative Administration Committee to provide staff support to the Council, and to reimburse Council members. The bill does not prescribe an exact number of Council members. Reimbursement expenses will depend on the number of Council members, the number of meetings, and the travel distance for each member seeking reimbursement. In addition, the bill requires the Council to compile and evaluate information regarding existing summer programs throughout Oregon in order to establish a baseline for future programs. The Department of Education reports that this data does not currently exist in the department's database. If the intent for this data collection is an exhaustive census of all existing summer programs throughout the state including data for evaluation by grade, region, content and focus topics, duration, intensity, program design, cost per child, staffing model, as well as training and program management costs with educational outcomes, the fiscal impact of this comprehensive data collection within the short time frame to allow the Council to develop a report and recommendations by September 15, 2016 could exceed an estimated \$200,000.

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 Legislation Administration Committee for purposes of the council, the bill does not appropriated funding for this purpose.

The State Library, the Office of the Governor, the Chief Education Office, and the Department of Education, as well as relevant public and private organizations are required to appoint representatives to serve as members of the Council. This fiscal assumes that participation on the Council will have minimal impact on these entities. Each of these organizations will need to reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the Council.