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Measure Description:

Reestablishes Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Legislative Assembly, Office of the Governor, Employment Department, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (OCJC), Housing and Community Services Department, Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Department of Corrections (DOC), Oregon District Attorneys Association, counties

Analysis:

Senate Bill 689 with the - 2 amendment recreates the 20-member Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing to continue its efforts in studying and recommending methods and action that state and local government should adopt to assist no-longer incarcerated individuals with criminal convictions with housing and employment. The bill takes effect on passage. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

The bill requires LPRO to provide staff support to the task force. The 2017-19 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO support of interim committees and task forces.

Legislative Assembly

The bill specifies that non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. However, four members of the task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the four legislative members is \$804 per day. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at \$142 per day, and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.535 per mile. Although the 2017-19 Legislative Assembly 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 2017-19 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during Legislative Session, Task force or Legislative Days.

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Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on these agencies and counties. These entities expect to participate as members on the task force, and to play a role in furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.