

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 313 - 2

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Task Force on Equitable Access to Arts Education.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Legislative Assembly, Chief Education Office, School Districts, Education Service Districts

Analysis:

Senate Bill 313 with the -2 amendment creates the 15-member Task Force on Equitable Access to Arts Education charged with researching, evaluating, and making recommendations regarding equitable access to arts education in Oregon's public schools. The responsibilities of task force include developing benchmarks for a comprehensive approach to arts education; identifying, by region, the current career and technical education programs for high-demand occupations related to the arts; and identifying funding sources to implement recommendations. The bill details additional duties and membership of the task force. The task force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 7, 2019. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the day the 2017 legislative session adjourns sine die. The task force sunsets on June 30, 2019.

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.

Chief Education Office (CEdO), School Districts, Education Service Districts

The fiscal impact to CEdO, school districts, and education service districts is anticipated to be minimal. Representatives from these entities are required to serve as members of the task force, and expect to play a role in furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support. This fiscal assumes these entities will reprioritize the work of existing staff to allow for participation on the task force. Note that one member of the task force must be a public school teacher. There could be a cost to allowing a teacher time away from work to attend task force meetings. If the task force meets during the school day, the school may need to hire a substitute teacher to cover for the teacher's time away from class to attend task force meetings.

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, two 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 two legislative members is \$402 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.