

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3155 - 5

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Assembly, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Construction Contractors Board (CCB), Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Counties

Analysis:

House Bill 3155 with the -5 amendment creates the eight-member Task Force on Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing charged with studying the sale and use of surplus public lands to address the state's housing shortages. The task force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2017. The bill takes effect on passage, and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on DAS is anticipated to be minimal. A representative from DAS is required to serve on the task force, and DAS is required to provide staffing support to the task force. DAS expects to reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force, including facilitating and attending task force meetings, and producing the report to the Legislature. However, note that the bill permits the task force to consult with experts, as well as collect data and information it deems necessary. If the task force determines that it would need to contract these activities to a consultant with specialized expertise, it is assumed that DAS would be required to fund these activities. These costs cannot be quantified until the task force convenes and decides on the scope of these activities.

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.

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Construction Contractors Board (CCB), Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Local Housing Authorities, Counties

This bill is anticipated to have minimal impact to DLCD, CCB, HCSD, local housing authorities, and counties. Representatives from these entities are required to serve as members on the task force. This fiscal assumes that these entities will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force, including attending meetings, as well as furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.