

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2983 - A

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Measure Description:

Creates Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Department of Agriculture, Department of Aviation, Department of Corrections, Department of Energy, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Forestry, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Justice, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Judicial Department, Legislative Assembly, Office of the Governor, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Oregon State Marine Board, Oregon State Police (OSP), Oregon State Treasurer, Public Utility Commission (PUC), Water Resources Department, Cities, Counties, Special Districts

Analysis:

HB 2983 establishes a 31-member Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery charged with preparing recommendations for the development of a sustainable program of upgrades to critical Oregon facilities and infrastructure. The task force is required to report to the legislature by December 1, 2018. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

Office of Emergency Management in the Oregon Military Department (OMD)

The Office of Emergency Management is directed to provide staff support to the task force. Although the agency anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force, the bill authorizes the task force to consult with advisors and experts. If the task force determines that it would need to contract these activities to a consultant with specialized expertise, it is assumed that the Office of Emergency Management would be required to fund these activities. These costs cannot be quantified until the task force convenes and defines the scope of these activities.

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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.

Representatives from the Office of the State Resilience Officer in the Office of the Governor, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCDC), the Oregon State Police (OSP), the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Department of Aviation, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), the Public Utility Commission (PUC), the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), the Department of Forestry, the Oregon State Marine Board, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), the Oregon State Treasurer, the Water Resources Department, and the Judicial Department, as well as cities, counties, and special districts are required to serve as members of the task force. This fiscal assumes that these agencies will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force, furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.