

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2889 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Secure Pipelines.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department, Legislative, Assembly, Office of the Governor, Oregon State Police (OSP), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Public Utility Commission (PUC), Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Cities, Counties

Analysis:

House Bill 2889 creates the 17-member Task Force on Secure Pipelines and Associated Storage Units and Terminals charged with studying and making recommendations in regards to the technologies, processes, and related costs associated with the safe transportation of petroleum, natural gas, and other flammable substances through pipelines, as well as ensuring state preparedness in an event of a natural catastrophe with respect to pipelines, storage units, and terminals. The task force is required to report to the legislature by September 15, 2018. The bill takes effect on passage, and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

Oregon Military Department (OMD)

The fiscal impact of this bill to OMD is minimal. OMD is directed to provide staff support to the task force. OMD anticipates using existing staff and resources to support this administrative work.

Office of the Governor, Oregon State Police (OSP), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Public Utility Commission (PUC), Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Cities, Counties

Designees from the State Resilience Office and the State Fire Marshal Office, as well as DEQ, ODOT, PUC, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy, cities, counties, and federally recognized tribes are required to participate as members on the task force. Participation on the task force is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on these entities. This fiscal assumes that these entities will reprioritize the work of existing staff and resources to attend task force meetings, as well as to play a role in furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.

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.