

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3185 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Family Engagement in Education.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Legislative Assembly, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Chief Education Office (CEdO), School Districts

Analysis:

House Bill 3185 creates the 17-member Task Force on Family Engagement in Education charged with evaluating ways to increase family involvement in education for students from kindergarten through post-secondary, with a focus on students from culturally diverse, low-income, rural, and non-English speaking families. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by September 15, 2018. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 legislative session adjourns sine die. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

ODE estimates the fiscal impact of performing the work required by the bill be approximately \$117,035 General Fund for the 15 months of the 2017-19 biennium. A representative from the Youth Development Council and a representative from the Early Learning Division are required to serve as members on the task force. In addition, the Oregon Department of Education is required to provide staffing support for the task force. Although ODE anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to provide some support to the task force, including attending task force meetings, and furnishing the task force with existing available data and information, ODE anticipates the need to hire a contractor to facilitate the task force, especially to take on the bulk of the work to identify and assess existing family engagement programs throughout Oregon, as well as successful programs in other states to identify and develop best practices, as required by the bill.

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.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Chief Education Office (CEdO), School Districts

The fiscal impact of this bill on HECC, CEdO, and school districts is anticipated to be minimal. Representatives from these entities are required to serve as members of the task force. This fiscal assumes these entities will reprioritize the duties of existing staff and resources to allow participation on the task force, including furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.