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Measure: HB 2965 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS), Legislative Assembly

Analysis:

House Bill 2965 with the -1 amendment creates the nine-member Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities charged with reviewing the [“Work Matters: A Framework for States on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities”](#) report to evaluate Oregon’s programs for employing people with disabilities. The task force is directed to report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Workforce and the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development as soon as practicable.

Department of Human Services (DHS)

This bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on DHS. The bill requires DHS to appoint five members to serve on the task force, and to provide staffing support to the task force. DHS considers participation by agency personnel to be part of their normal work. The agency will use existing resources to cover the administrative expenses of the task force, including the cost of travel to meetings.

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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, 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.