

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: SB 837

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Measure Description:

Creates Joint Legislative Committee to Review Agency Regulation of Oregon Businesses.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Business Development Department (Business Oregon), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

Analysis:

Senate Bill 837 establishes the six-member Joint Legislative Committee to Review Agency Regulations of Oregon Business charged with researching, studying, and compiling data regarding state regulations on businesses in Oregon. The committee is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2018. The bill takes effect on passage. The committee sunsets on June 30, 2025.

Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on OBDD and DAS is anticipated to be minimal. The bill directs the committee to collaborate with OBDD and DAS to make the research and recommendations of the committee available to the public on the Oregon transparency website. DAS and OBDD are also required to obtain comments and feedback from the public and businesses throughout the state. DAS and OBDD will reprioritized the duties of existing staff to perform these duties, as well as to furnish the committee with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.

Legislative Assembly

The six legislative members are entitled to per diem and mileage incurred in the performance of official duties. The estimated cost for the six legislative members is \$1,206 per day. Assuming no inflation, the cost would be the same for the following biennium. This is based on the average cost per legislator, per day, for attendance at interim committee, work group, commission or task force meetings which is \$201. 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 previously anticipated legislator expenses for participation in commission, committee and task force meetings, if this committee, or the cumulative enactment of other bills, creates expenditures beyond the levels assumed in the Legislative Assembly budget, additional General Fund resources may be required. There is no additional cost for legislators if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during Session, Task force or Legislative Days.

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC)

The fiscal impact to LAC is indeterminate depending on the work of the committee. The bill authorizes the committee to request proposals and contract with public or private entities to carry out its charge. These costs cannot be quantified until the committee convenes and defines the scope of these activities. If the committee creates a workload beyond the levels assumed in the LAC budget, or a level greater than the workload imposed by cumulative enactment of other bills, additional General Fund resources may be required.