

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 3080

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on State Medical Assistance Funding.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

House Bill 3080 creates the Task Force on State Medical Assistance Funding charged with examining the sources of funding for the state medical assistance program, and potential changes to the funding sources. The bill requires the task force to report 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.

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

The bill requires LPRO to provide staff support to the task force. The 2017-19 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO support of interim committees and task forces.

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.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on OHA. Although the bill does not explicitly name OHA, because of the subject matter, this fiscal assumes that the agency will be consulted. OHA is expected to provide the task force with requested existing available data, information, advice, and other support that is within the current capacity of its staffing and resources.