

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 3412

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### **Measure Description:**

Establishes Task Force on Assessments of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

### **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Legislative Assembly

### **Analysis:**

House Bill 3412 creates the 11-member Task Force on Assessments of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing charged with analyzing and making recommendations for a framework for assessing deaf and hard-of-hearing children to determine children's competencies in language and literacy skills to ensure successful access to the kindergarten curriculum in an equitable manner. The bill specifies the membership and duties of the task force. The task force must present its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2018. The bill takes effect on passage. The task force sunsets on June 30, 2019.

### Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

A representative from ODE is required to serve on the task force, and ODE is required to provide staffing support to the task force. ODE anticipates reprioritizing the duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force, including attending task force meetings, collecting data, providing analysis, and preparing the report to the Legislative Assembly. Per the state Procurement Services Division, ODE estimates the cost of hiring American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for the meetings will be approximately \$5,473 General Fund for the 2017-19 biennium.

### 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.