

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4155 - MRA

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Task Force on Network Neutrality.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Public Utility Commission (PUC), Cities, Counties, Legislative Assembly, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 4155 -MR8 creates the Task Force on Network Neutrality, consisting of four members of the Legislative Assembly and 11 members appointed by the Governor, including three representatives of broadband Internet access service providers, three representatives of right-to-privacy advocates, one representative nominated by the Public Utility Commission, two representatives of local governments, one representative nominated by the State Chief Information Officer, and one representative nominated by the Department of Justice. The task force will study, report, and propose legislation on the issue of network neutrality in the context of state contracts.

Staff support will be provided by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Members of the task force that are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

Legislative Assembly

Four 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 costs for the four legislative members are \$207 per member per day or \$828 per day. The total estimated costs will depend on the number of members attending, and the number and location of the meetings.

Although the 2017-19 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committees and task forces, 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.

Department of Administrative Services

DAS is directed to staff the task force. In addition, a nominee from the State Chief Information Office will be a member of the task force. The fiscal impact to DAS is anticipated to be minimal, as it will staff the committee with existing resources.

Public Utility Commission, Department of Justice, and local governments

The bill specifies that non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. For the Public Utility Commission, the Department of Justice, and the local governments with representatives on the task force, there will be some cost for travel, and the duties and responsibilities of staff associated with the task force will need to be reprioritized, but the fiscal impact to these entities is expected to be minimal.