

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 2389

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Measure Description:

Creates Oregon Bright Futures Plan Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon State Treasurer (OST), Legislative Assembly

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 2389 establishes the nine-member Oregon Bright Futures Plan Task Force charged with developing recommendations for increasing the number of children with post-secondary education savings. The task force must report to the Legislature by January 31, 2020. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Oregon State Treasurer (OST)

Although the bill is silent on which state agency is required to provide staffing support for the task force, this fiscal impact analysis assumes OST will provide clerical and administrative support to the task force because of the subject matter and because the bill requires that the Oregon State Treasurer or a designee of the Treasurer serve as the chair of the task force. OST anticipates using existing staff and resources to support the task force.

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 \$420 per day. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at \$149 per day, and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.58 per mile. Although the 2019-21 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 2019-21 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.