

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 2219

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Measure Description:

Creates Task Force on Extending the Westside Express Service Commuter Line to Salem.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Legislative Assembly

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 2219 establishes the 17-member Task Force on Extending the Westside Express Service Commuter Line to Salem. The bill authorizes the task force to research and identify the actions needed to extend the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem. The task force must report to the Legislature by September 15, 2020. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

The fiscal impact of this bill on ODOT is anticipated to be minimal. ODOT is directed to appoint two representatives to serve as members of the task force and to provide staff support. ODOT will reprioritize existing staff and resources to serve on the task force, furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.

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The bill specifies that non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. However, 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 cost for the four legislative members is \$841 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.