

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 694

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Rural Fire Protection District Community Development to study and develop recommendations for developing, enhancing or expanding ability of rural fire protection districts to facilitate community development efforts following natural disaster.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Oregon Military Department (OMD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
Personal Services	110,795	
Services and Supplies	6,250	
Total Funds	\$117,045	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.63	

Analysis:

SB 694 establishes the 11-member Task Force on Rural Fire Protection District Community Development charged with studying and developing recommendations regarding ways to develop, enhance, or expand the ability of rural fire protection districts to use district assets to facilitate community development efforts following natural disaster. The Oregon Military Department is directed to provide staff support to the task force. The task force must report to the Legislature by September 15, 2020. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Oregon Military Department (OMD)

OMD estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$117,045 Total Funds and 1 limited duration position (0.63 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium. This amount reflects personal services and related services and supplies costs for one temporary Program Analyst 2 position to facilitate 15 months of task force work. OMD reports that current staffing levels with the agency are insufficient to assign the work of this task force to existing staff. This position would collaborate with representatives of rural communities and rural fire protection districts serving on the task force, as well as plan and staff meetings, collect data, provide analysis, and prepare reports to the Legislature. This position could also support the Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery established in HB 2535 and the Open Spaces Task Force on Emergency Preparedness established in HB 2735.

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The bill specifies that public 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 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 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.