

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2990

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Family Engagement in Education.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Education (ODE), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Legislative Assembly

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 2990 creates the 17-member Task Force on Family Engagement in Education charged with evaluating methods for increasing family engagement in education for students in prekindergarten through grade 12 and in post-secondary institutions of education, with emphasis on students from culturally or racially diverse families, low-income families, rural families, and non-English speaking families. The task force is required to report to the Legislature by September 15, 2020. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

In addition to requiring ODE to provide staff support to the task force, the measure authorizes ODE to provide reimbursement for task force members who are parents from a low-income family. ODE anticipates using existing staff and resources to comply with this measure.

Legislative Assembly

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.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

The fiscal impact of this measure on HECC is anticipated to be minimal. HECC will use existing staff and resources to participate on the task force.