

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3359 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Vacation Occupancy Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Tourism Commission (Travel Oregon), cities, counties

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 3359 creates the 11-member Vacation Occupancy Task Force charged with studying and making recommendations on the regulation of vacation occupancies. The measure directs the task force to consider the impact of vacation occupancies on the availability and affordability of housing, and the economic development of communities with significant tourism. The task force must report to the Legislature by September 15, 2020. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD)

The fiscal impact of this bill on HCSD is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the task force. The bill requires HCSD to provide staff support to the task force. Although HCSD anticipates using existing staff and resources to do this work, the bill authorizes the task force to consult with experts and collect data and information necessary to carry out the task force’s duties. If the task force determines that it would need to contract these activities to a consultant with specialized expertise, it is assumed that HCSD would be required to fund these activities. These costs cannot be quantified until the task force convenes and defines the scope of these activities.

Legislative Assembly

The bill specifies that public 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 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.

Oregon Travel Commission (OTC), cities, counties

The fiscal impact of this measure on OTC, cities, and counties is anticipated to be minimal. These entities will use existing staff and resources to participate on the task force.