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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of State Lands (DSL), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Assembly, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Construction Contractors Board (CCB), Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) cities, counties, federally recognized Indian tribe

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Quantifiable costs may require budgetary action. In addition, some costs related to the measure are indeterminate, at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2360 establishes the 14-member Task Force on Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing. The task force is charged with studying the sale and use of surplus public lands to address housing shortages throughout Oregon. The task force must submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2019, and sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Department of State Lands (DSL)

DSL estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be \$59,318 General Fund and 1 limited duration position (0.25 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium. This amount reflects meeting expenses and personal services for one temporary Natural Resource Specialist 3 position to facilitate the work of the task force. DSL reports that current staffing levels within the agency are insufficient to assign the work of this task force to existing staff.

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Other agencies, including DAS, DLCD, CCB, HCSD, ODOT, OPRD, cities, counties, and a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon are required to participate as members of the task force. This fiscal impact statement assumes that these entities will reprioritize existing staff and resources to meet the requirements of the bill, including serving on the task force, as well as furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.

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 \$421 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.