

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2244 - A

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### **Measure Description:**

Establishes the Task Force on CourtCare.

### **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Education (ODE), Legislative Assembly, Department of Human Services (DHS), Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Counties, Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

### **Analysis:**

This bill creates the 9-member Task Force on CourtCare to study and recommend a long-term funding source for a statewide CourtCare program and evaluate the impact of the CourtCare programs on outcomes for families and the judicial system. The Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

The bill also adds Jackson County to the counties that may establish pilot CourtCare programs and adds that counties must obtain approval of the presiding judge of the judicial districts where the pilots are to be located (Marion, Polk and Jackson). The bill changes the sunset on these programs to January 2, 2023.

### Department of Administrative Services

This bill appropriates \$370,000 to the Department of Administrative Services for grants to counties participating in the CourtCare pilot programs. Administering these grants can be absorbed with existing staff. This bill will have a minimal impact to DAS.

### Counties

There is a fiscal impact to Marion, Jackson and Polk counties to accept grant funds to run the CourtCare pilots. The bill requires counties to provide cash funding of at least 10 percent of the amount of the grant and to provide services, materials, or facilities for the CourtCare Program with a value of at least 15 percent of the grant.

### Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

The bill requires LPRO to provide staff support to the task force. The 2019-21 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO support of interim committees and task forces.

### Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

The Oregon Department of Education could require additional staff resources if the work of the task force results in significant data collection and analysis. To be able to absorb the work with the current staff, ODE anticipates reprioritizing the duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force, including attending task force meetings, collecting data, providing analysis, and preparing the report to the Legislative Assembly.

### Department of Human Services (DHS), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

This bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on DHS and OJD. The bill requires the Governor to appoint a representative from the Department of Human Services, and the Chief Justice to appoint a representative of the Judicial Department. These representatives will reprioritize duties to attend meetings and use existing resources to furnish the task force with 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 \$2,100 for five meetings. 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.