

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 4160 - 1

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), public universities, community colleges

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 4160 with the -1 amendment establishes the eight-member Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students in Higher Education charged with visiting public post-secondary institutions in Oregon to meet underrepresented students in order to develop student success policy proposals for the 2021 Legislative Session. The Task Force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by December 15, 2020. The Task Force sunsets December 31, 2021.

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

The bill requires LPRO to provide staff support to the Task Force. The bill authorizes LPRO to employ persons necessary to support the work of the Task Force. The 2019-21 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO support of interim committees and task forces.

Legislative Assembly

All eight members of the Task Force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Assuming six meetings, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the eight legislative members is expected to be approximately \$11,000 General Fund. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at \$151 per day, and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.58 per mile. Note that travel reimbursements for this Task Force could potentially be higher than a typical task force because, in addition to travel to meetings, the bill requires the Task Force members to travel to public universities and community colleges throughout Oregon. Although the 2019-21 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, 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), public universities, community colleges

This fiscal impact assumes HECC, public universities, and community colleges will absorb the cost of coordinating and hosting campus visits for the Task Force.