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Measure: HB 4124 - 2

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Political Campaign Contribution Limits.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Department Justice (DOJ), Secretary of State (SOS), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 4124 with the -2 amendment establishes the 17-member Task Force on Political Campaign Contribution Limits charged with studying the implementation and effectiveness of political contribution limits across the United States and making recommendations on how to best establish effective political contribution limits in Oregon. The Task Force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by September 15, 2020. The Task Force sunsets on July 2, 2021.

In addition, the bill stipulates operative dates for provisions set forth in chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2007 [Ballot Measure 47 (2006)]. The bill also directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to draft a legal opinion analyzing the constitutionality of each provision of chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2007 [Ballot Measure 47 (2006)]. DOJ must deliver this opinion to the Secretary of State (SOS) and the Legislature by November 3, 2020. The bill directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules necessary to enable the agency to implement chapter 3, Oregon Laws 2007 [Ballot Measure 47 (2006)]. The Secretary of State must issue proposed rules by December 31, 2020.

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Department of Justice (DOJ), Secretary of State (SOS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on OJD, DOJ, and SOS is anticipated to be minimal. This fiscal analysis assumes DOJ and SOS will use existing staff and resources to comply with the provisions of the bill.

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 contains funds allocated for LPRO support of interim committees and task forces.

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, four members of the Task Force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Assuming five Task Force meetings, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the four legislative members is expected to be approximately \$4,600 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. Although the 2019-21 Legislative Assembly budget includes 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

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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.

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