## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2286

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## **Measure Description:**

Establishes Task Force on Wildlife.

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

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Legislative Assembly

## **Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

# Summary of Expenditure Impact - Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW):

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
Other Funds		
Personal Services	94,005	
Services and Supplies	72,995	
Total Other Funds	\$167,000	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.50	

#### **Analysis:**

HB 2286 establishes the seven-member Task Force on Wildlife charged with studying and making recommendations to improve wildlife management. The Task Force is required to submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislature by September 15, 2022. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is directed to provide staff support to the Task Force. The Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2022.

#### Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

ODFW estimates the cost of providing administrative support to the Task Force to be \$167,000 Other Funds and a part-time limited duration Natural Resource Specialist 3 position, totaling 0.50 FTE for the 2021-23 biennium. The Department assumes the one-time use of hunting license revenue to support the position and Task Force.

#### Legislative Assembly

The measure 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 to participate on the task force is \$1,900 assuming four meetings. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax and assumes per diem remains at \$151 and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.56 per mile. Although the 2021-23 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 2021-23 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.

Because this establishes a new task force, the measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

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