

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2100 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities. Requires the Housing and Community Services Department and Oregon Housing Stability Council to consider advice on housing and community service programs from specified entities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Legislative Assembly

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 2100 A-Engrossed defines “culturally responsive organization,” “culturally responsive services,” and “culturally specific organization” as related to Housing Authorities Law. The measure requires the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) and the Oregon Housing Stability Council to consider advice on housing and community service programs from: (1) persons who have experience housing instability; (2) Tribes; (3) Community Action Partnership of Oregon; (4) continuums of care; (5) local governments; (6) nonprofit organizations; (7) homeless services providers; (8) culturally specific organizations; (9) housing providers; (10) veterans’ services organizations; and (11) other entities identified by HCSD by rule. The measure requires HCSD to administer federal programs with advice from the Oregon Housing Stability Council. Federal funds for housing stabilization must, to the extent consistent with federal law, be allocated statewide in a manner proportionate to a needs-based and geographically based formula. The measure stipulates that 25% of the moneys deposited in the County Assessment and Taxation Fund are dedicated to the emergency housing assistance program for assistance to veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

In addition, the measure establishes the 19-member Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities charged with identifying and investigating potential changes in Oregon’s funding structure to address racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. The measure authorizes the Task Force to consult experts, form subcommittees or advisory committees, conduct field investigations, hearings and other meetings, receive testimony in any form or format, request or require production of documents and other evidence. The Task Force is required to meet no less than monthly until January 31, 2022. HCSD is required to provide staff support to the Task Force. The measure specifies that HCSD must provide a third-party facilitator to assist the chairperson or cochairs with the facilitation of meetings and the operations of the Task Force. A member of the Task Force is not entitled to compensation, but in the discretion of HCSD may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses or provided a stipend. The measure requires the Task Force to submit a report to a committee of the Legislature by January 15, 2022. The Task Force sunsets on July 1, 2022. The measure declares and emergency and takes effect on passage.

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD)

Passage of this measure is anticipated to have minimal impact on HCSD. The agency will use existing staff and resources to comply with the provisions of the measure, as well as to provide staffing support for the Task Force including reimbursements for Task Force members who are not members of the Legislature.

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Four 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 four legislative members to participate on the task force is \$11,000 assuming 12 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 the measure establishes a new task force, the measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.