FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Substance Use.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC), Counties, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund		
Personal Services	104,906	
Services and Supplies	6,838	
Special Payments	202,352	
Total General Fund	\$314,096	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.50	

Analysis:

HB 3377 with the -5 amendment establishes the 23-member Task Force on Substance Use charged with developing recommendations to (1) achieve a significant reduction in underage drinking and binge drinking through alcohol and tax pricing mechanisms; and (2) fully fund the comprehensive addiction, prevention, treatment, and recovery plan developed by the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission through new and existing tax and pricing mechanisms. The Task Force is required to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by February 1, 2022. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is directed to provide staffing support to the Task Force. The Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2022. The measure contains an emergency clause and takes effect on passage.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

OHA estimates the cost of supporting the Task Force to be \$314,096 General Fund, 1 position, and 0.50 FTE for the 2021-23 biennium. Costs include personal services and related services and supplies for one Operations and Policy Analyst 3 to support the work of the Task Force and \$202,352 to contract with consulting firms. The measure stipulates that the Task Force must formulate its recommendations working in partnership with one or more consulting firms with expertise in economic and health equity.

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC)

The measure 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. The estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the

four legislative members to participate on the task force is \$4,600. 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.

Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC), Counties, Cities

Passage of this measure is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on OLCC, counties, and cities. The measure requires a representative from each of these entities to serve as a member on the task force. This fiscal analysis assumes that these entities will use existing staff and resources to participate and to furnish the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of General Fund impact.