

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1518 - 4

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Establishes the Task Force on Resilient Efficient Buildings. Directs the Task Force to report to the Legislative Assembly within 30 days of its final meeting or at a time designated by the President of the Oregon Senate or the Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Legislative Assembly, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Statewide (State Agencies)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

Senate Bill 1518, as modified by the -4 amendments, replaces the introduced version. The measure establishes the Task Force on Resilient Efficient Buildings. The Task Force, which will be comprised of 27 members, must identify and evaluate policies related to building codes and building decarbonization for new and existing buildings that would enable the state of Oregon to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; receive testimony, perform research, consult experts, review appropriate literature, and solicit feedback from disproportionately impacted communities around the state; make policy recommendations for legislation before the 2023 legislative session; and contract with a contractor to provide process facilitation, necessary data, and technical expertise or advice on best practices. The director of the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) may employ persons necessary to support the work of the Task Force, though the Task Force is directed to use the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the greatest extent practicable. All agencies of state government, including the Environmental Justice Task Force and the Environmental Equity Committee of the Racial Justice Council, are directed to assist the Task Force. The measure takes effect on passage, and the Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2023.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

The 2021-23 LPRO budget includes resources to support legislative committees, workgroups, and task forces. Although the measure directs LPRO to use existing staff to the greatest extent practicable to support the work of the Task Force, LPRO anticipates needing one limited duration Senior Legislative Analyst position (0.67 FTE in 2021-23, 0.25 FTE in 2023-25) to support the work of the Task Force with subject matter expertise, organizational support, and coordination with the contractor for services, at a cost of \$179,359 General Fund in the 2021-23 biennium and \$64,259 General Fund in 2023-25. Additionally, the measure directs LPRO to contract for services that include process facilitation, data, technical expertise, or advice on best practices related to the work of the Task Force. The cost of this contract is presently unknown; however, it is anticipated to total no more than \$150,000 through the sunset of the Task Force.

The measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of the Task Force and its impact on LPRO’s budget and the state General Fund.

Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly estimates this measure will have a minimal impact. Four members of the Task Force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Currently, resources are budgeted for members of the Legislative Assembly to participate in interim committees, boards, and Task Forces. However, if the work required by this Task Force or the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees, boards, and Task Forces exceed expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2021-23 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Statewide (State Agencies)

The measure directs all agencies of state government, including the Environmental Justice Task Force and the Environmental Equity Committee of the Racial Justice Council, to assist the Task Force. The impact to state agencies is anticipated to be minimal.