

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 64 - 1

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Creates the Electric Vehicle Battery Disposal Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Transportation, Legislative Assembly, Department of Environmental Quality

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

SB 64 - 1 creates the 11-member Electric Vehicle Battery Disposal Task Force, which includes two members from the Senate, two from the House of Representatives, four members appointed by the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) including one representing DEQ, and three members appointed by the Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) including one representing ODOT. Non-legislative members are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. The task force is to study and develop recommendations for disposal and recycling of electric vehicle batteries in Oregon, and report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later than September 15, 2024. DEQ is to provide staff support for the task force. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislature adjourns sine die, and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2024.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Department of Environmental Quality

This measure instructs the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to assist the task force in the performance of its duties. DEQ anticipates that the agency would need a full-time, limited duration Natural Resources Specialist 3 position (0.50 FTE) to staff the task force. DEQ estimates the cost for this position to be \$122,653 General Fund for the 2023-25 biennium, including \$103,403 for personal services and \$19,250 in position-related services and supplies.

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. Meetings are set by the chair of the task force and it is unknown how often meetings will be held; however, assuming eight meetings are held outside of regularly scheduled legislative session, tax force, or interim legislative days, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for legislative members would be \$8,900. Although the 2023-25 Legislative Assembly budget contains 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 exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2023-25 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 the legislative session, or task force or interim legislative days.

Oregon Department of Transportation

This bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). A representative of ODOT is required to serve as a member on the task force.