

SB 694 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines “task force” and “work group”. Requires task forces and work groups to consist of at least 50 percent community members or community-based organizations and 25 percent from individuals who are or represent organizations that serve historically underrepresented and marginalized communities or provide culturally specific services. Requires meetings of task forces and work groups to be scheduled at times that are convenient to enhance participation by individuals who have employment, school, parenting or other community responsibilities. Establishes the Task Force and Work Group Stipend Fund which can provide stipends to members of task forces and work groups as compensation for travel and time to attend task force and work group functions. Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to estimate amount of stipend each biennium. Caps maximum amount of stipend at an unspecified amount. Appropriates an unspecified amount to the Task Force and Work Group Stipend Fund. Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2023.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A Task Force is a legislative committee authorized by legislative leadership to study a specific subject for a specified period of time. A task force may contain lay members and is different from a committee in that it typically considers a narrow subject within a broader topic area. The Legislative Assembly can pass bills creating task forces. The bill specifies the number of members, who appoints them, and which agency provides staff support. The bill also specifies the composition of the task force and who must appoint the membership. Most task force bills require the task force to submit a report to the Legislature upon completion.

Senate Bill 694 establishes requirements for participation of community members and individuals or organizations who are or represent organizations that serve historically underrepresented and marginalized communities as task force and work group members.