

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3429

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Containment of Petroleum Contamination.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Department of Energy, Department of the State Fire Marshal, Legislative Policy and Research Office, Department of Environmental Quality, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Department of Transportation

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 3429 creates the 11-member Task Force on Containment of Petroleum Contamination, which is to study available materials for petroleum leakage containment and petroleum carrier protection; identify available and affordable technology that prevents petroleum spills; and determine a reasonable manner of transition for petroleum carriers to adopt the technology to minimize the risk of environmental damage associated with spills. The task force is to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation no later than September 15, 2024. The Legislative Policy and Research Office is to provide staff support for the task force. The bill takes effect the 91st day after the Legislature adjourns sine die, and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2024.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

The bill requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) to provide staff support to the task force. LPRO assumes a minimal fiscal impact with existing staff to provide support to this Task Force. Assuming monthly meetings over approximately 12 months, this will require one Senior Legislative Analyst assigned part-time to the task force (0.27 FTE), one Research Analyst assigned one-third of the time to the task force (0.18 FTE), and one Committee Assistant assigned one-third of the time to the task force (0.18 FTE), at a total cost of \$236,950 using existing General Fund resources. Although LPRO's current service level budget supports 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.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Four members of the task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Meetings are set by the chairperson and it is unknown how often the task force would meet. However, assuming that the task force meets nine times during the approximate 12-month period until its report is due September 15, 2024, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs will total \$10,100. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act tax, assumes per diem remains at \$157 per day, and estimates an average mileage of 171 miles at the current rate of \$0.655 per mile. This estimate could change based on the number of meetings held. 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 Legislative Days.

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.

Other agencies

There is no impact anticipated for the Department of Energy, Department of the State Fire Marshal, Department of Environmental Quality, and Department of Transportation, all of which are to provide a representative to the task force.