

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 48 - 2

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Restores penalty for compulsory school attendance violation.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Policy and Research Office, Office of the Governor, Department of Education, School Districts, Legislative Assembly

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

SB 48 - 2 creates the 18-member Task Force on School Attendance, which is to be appointed no later than August 1, 2023, and which is to study the issue of school attendance in Oregon, including chronic absenteeism and truancy; the reasons why students do not attend school; difference in absenteeism and truancy due to age, grade level or area of residency; and any other issue related to school attendance. The task force is to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2024. The Legislative Policy and Research Office is to provide staff support for the task force. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage, and the task force sunsets on January 2, 2025.

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 14 months, this will require one Senior Legislative Analyst assigned part-time to the task force (0.29 FTE), one Research Analyst assigned with one-third of their time to the task force (0.19 FTE), and one Committee Assistant assigned part-time to the task force (0.29 FTE), at a total cost of \$275,460 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.

LPRO notes that there are several sources of Oregon-specific data regarding school attendance and absenteeism, though it is unclear if this data provides the level of detail directed by this measure; and costs could increase based on topics the task force chooses to study, as the measure permits study of any other issue related to school attendance.

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 the task force meets ten 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 \$12,300. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, assumes the 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 fiscal impact for the Office of the Governor and Department of Education; and minimal impact for School Districts, which may be asked to provide data.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of the impact on the Legislative Branch budget.