

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 304 - A

82nd Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2023 Regular Session

Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Occupational Licensing.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Legislative Policy and Research Office

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

SB 304 - A creates the eight-member Task Force on Occupational Licensing which is to examine occupational licensing regulatory models, study and make recommendations on creation of an occupational licensing regulatory agency to oversee licensing boards, make other recommendations regarding the reduction of barriers to making changes across occupational license types and populations, and seek input regarding occupational licensing from stakeholders. The Task Force is to report to the Legislative Assembly within 30 days after its final meeting, or at a time designated by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate. The bill directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staff support for the task force using the services of continuing legislative staff to the greatest extent practicable. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly 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 15 months, this will require two Senior Legislative Analysts each assigned part-time to the Task Force (each 0.31 FTE), one Research Analyst assigned with one-third of their time to the task force (0.21 FTE), and one Committee Assistant assigned part-time to the Task Force (0.31 FTE), at a total cost of \$283,700 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 additional costs could result from the requirement that the task force seek input regarding occupational licensing from stakeholders depending on factors such as the number of stakeholders that must be contacted, or how input from stakeholders needs to be collected. For example, qualitative surveys across numerous types of occupational licensing stakeholders could be more costly than other forms of gathering data with a more limited scope.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is also expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. All eight members of the task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Meetings are set by the chairperson so it is unknown how often the task force would meet; however, assuming that the task force meets eight times, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs will total \$17,800. 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.