

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2751

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on School Starting Times.

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:

HB 2751 creates the 11-member Task Force on School Starting Times, which is to seek expert input and review research on adolescent circadian rhythms, sleeping patterns and school scheduling practices; collect data about the current starting times in all Oregon public schools; and review the impact of starting times on child and adolescent sleep, student mental and physical health, academic performance, low-income families, motor vehicle accidents, juvenile crime and risk-taking, substance and stimulant abuse, availability of student transportation, student sports performance and safety, and scheduling of after-school activities. The task force is also to examine student transportation times and other factors that determine when students need to wake up, and examples of school districts that have changed starting times. 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 measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage, 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 to 13 months, this will require one Senior Legislative Analyst assigned part-time to the task force (0.27 FTE), two Research Analysts, each assigned with one-third of their time to the task force (0.36 FTE), and one Committee Assistant assigned one-third of the time to the task force (0.18 FTE), at a total cost of \$315,143 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 depending on the need to engage with researchers with expertise on sleep, what data is currently available regarding school start times from the Oregon Department of Education, and the availability of existing research on the impacts of changing school start times.

Legislative Assembly

There is no fiscal impact for the Legislative Assembly.