

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3610 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Alcohol Pricing and Addiction Services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Assembly, Legislative Revenue Office, Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, Counties, Oregon Health Authority, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Cities

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 3610 - A creates the 20-member Task Force on Alcohol Pricing and Addiction Services. In consultation with the Legislative Revenue Office (LRO), the task force is to study alcohol addiction and alcohol addiction prevention; the distribution of resources for alcohol addiction treatment; the current overall funding for alcohol addiction treatment programs; the cost to this state of alcohol addiction; the benefits and drawbacks of imposing taxes on malt beverages and wine; and additional funding options for alcohol addiction treatment, including modifying the current distribution of alcohol tax revenue and increasing taxes on alcohol, and the potential economic impact of tax increases on relevant industries.

The task force is to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no later than September 15, 2024. Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force. The bill directs the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) to provide staff support for the task force, and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2024. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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 eight 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 \$9,000. 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 periods scheduled for task force or interim legislative committee meetings.

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.

Legislative Revenue Office

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact on LRO, as the agency can absorb consultation with the task force using existing budgeted resources.

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Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission

OLCC anticipates that the work of staffing and supporting the task force can be absorbed using existing resources.

Other Entities

There is no or minimal impact for Counties, Cities, or Oregon Health Authority.