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**To:** Public Safety Subcommittee

**From:** Emily Coates, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** February 22, 2024

**Subject:** SB 1503 – Relating to public health.  
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1503 creates the 17-member Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention to study specific issues related to public health best practices for reducing deaths from community safety threats and for suicide prevention. The measure directs the Department of Justice to provide staff support. The measure appropriates General Fund to DOJ to contract with a third party to conduct research requested by the task force. The task force is to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to health care by September 15, 2024, and September 15, 2025. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die, and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2026.

The -A7 amendment replaces the \$400,000 General Fund appropriation with a \$250,000 General Fund appropriation.

The amendment, staff measure summary and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the –A7 amendment.

**MOTION:** I move adoption of the –A7 amendment to SB 1503. (VOTE)

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 1503, as amended by the –A7 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 1503, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_