2007 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3267 **STATUS:** A-Engrossed
SUBJECT: Creates Task Force on Coordination of Behavioral Science Research
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Human Services
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	2007-2009	2009-2011
EXPENDITURES:		
See Comments		

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: This measure creates a 15-member Taskforce on Coordination of Behavioral Science Research. The Department of Human Services (DHS) is to provide staff support for the Taskforce from funding received from contributions of moneys and assistance from any source, public or private. Moneys received are to be deposited into the DHS account under Oregon Revised Statute 409.060 and may revert to the State's General Fund for general governmental purposes after the close of the biennium. The Taskforce shall study the methods to increase the coordination of behavior science research with the goal of improving the well-being of Oregonians. The Taskforce may create a database of behavior science information. The Taskforce is to report to the Governor and interim committees related to education no later than October 1, 2008. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) assumes that these are legislative committees. Taskforce members are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of any travel and other expenses related to their Taskforce duties. The section of the measure creating the Taskforce repeals on the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session.

DHS estimates the fiscal impact of this measure to total $66,254 Other Funds in one-time costs for the 2007-09 biennium. This would include establishing one limited duration Administrative Support Specialist 1 position (0.50 FTE) at a cost of $44,159. DHS impact includes supporting services and supplies costs of $22,095 to support the position. Services and supplies costs include: travel, office expenses, training, telecommunication charges, systems furniture, computer, printer, server, and a DHS rental charge. The cost of a database is not included in the DHS fiscal impact.

DHS notes that if contributions for the Task Force are not received, then it will be unable to provide the requisite staff support. LFO conferred with Legislative Counsel who confirmed that the DHS interpretation of this particular provision was accurate. Furthermore, DHS states that the measure does not require a database and would only provide one if contributed funds were available.

This measure currently does not have a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee. This is appropriate at this time. DHS, however, may need to return to the Legislative Emergency Board or a subsequent legislative session if Other Funds contributions are received and expenditure limitation is required.