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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Capital Construction Budget Process.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Administration, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO), Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

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.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 551 establishes the six-member Task Force on the Capital Construction Budget Process charged with creating a current inventory of state-owned buildings, and reviewing existing statutory provisions governing the process of developing the capital construction portion of the state budget in order to make recommendations for statutory changes that will allow the Legislature to develop budgets for capital construction projects based on identified long-term goals for the state. The task force is required to report the Legislative Assembly by October 15, 2014. The task force sunsets on the date of the convening of the 2015 Legislative Assembly. The bill declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The Legislative Administrator is required to provide staff support to the task force, and claims for expenses are to be paid by Legislative Administration. The bill allows the task force to meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair or the majority of the voting members. The fiscal impact of meeting expenses is indeterminate depending on the geographic location of task force members, as well as the locations and frequencies of meetings. The Legislative Administration budget contains some funding for staffing and production of reports for interim committees. However, if the cumulative effect of the enactment of other bills exceeds expenditure levels assumed in the Legislative Administration's budget, Legislative Administration may need to seek additional resources

Members of the task force include the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, one member of the Senate, one member of the House, the Legislative Fiscal Officer, and the Director of the Chief of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a designee. This fiscal assumes that the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Department of Administrative Services will absorb the fiscal impact of this bill, and that the participants will reprioritize duties and responsibilities to contribute to the task force.