

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 2985 - A

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Measure Description:

Expands recipients eligible for subsidized employment-related child care and types of activities that may be eligible for subsidies.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education, Department of Human Services (DHS), Legislative Assembly, Office of the Governor

Analysis:

The bill establishes a 20-member Task Force on Employment-Related Child Care, which is charged with conducting a study and developing a plan to expand access to employment-related child care. One member from the Senate will be appointed by the President of the Senate, one member from the House of Representatives will be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and the Governor will appoint eighteen members from the Department of Education (ODE), Department of Human Services (DHS), and various representatives who advocate for specific interests specified by the bill. The task force must submit an initial report on its findings to the Legislative Assembly no later than January 2, 2018; and a second report no later than January 2, 2019. ODE and DHS are required to provide staff support to the task force. 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 takes effect on passage. The task force sunsets on January 2, 2020.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE) & Department of Human Services (DHS)

The fiscal impact of this bill on ODE and DHS is indeterminate depending on the scope of work undertaken by the task force. ODE and DHS anticipate reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to support the task force. However, if the agencies are expected to perform additional research and/or data collection, these costs cannot be quantified until the task force convenes and defines the scope of this work.

Legislative Assembly

The bill specifies that non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. However, two members of the task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The estimated per diem and travel reimbursement cost for the two legislative members is \$402 per day. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at \$142 per day, and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.535 per mile. Although the 2017-19 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, 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 2017-19 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during Legislative Session, Task Force or Legislative Days.

Office of the Governor

The fiscal impact to the Office of the Governor is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters.