

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2360 - 5

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Assembly, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Construction Contractors Board (CCB), Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), cities, counties, federally recognized Indian tribe

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2360 with the -5 amendment establishes the 11-member Task Force on Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing. The task force is charged with studying the sale and use of surplus public lands to address housing shortages throughout Oregon. The task force must submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2019, and sunsets on December 31, 2020.

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DAS is directed to provide staff support to the task force. DLCD, CCB, HCSD, ODOT, cities, counties, and a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon are required to participate as members of the task force. This fiscal assumes that these entities will reprioritize existing staff and resources to serve on the task force, furnishing the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support. However, note that the bill authorizes the task force to consult with experts and collect data and information necessary to carry out its duties. If the task force determines that it would need to contract these activities to a consultant with specialized expertise, it is assumed that DAS would be required to fund these activities. These costs cannot be quantified until the task force convenes and defines the scope of these activities.

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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 four legislative members is \$421 per day. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, and assumes per diem remains at \$149 per day, and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.58 per mile. Although the 2019-21 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 2019-21 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.