

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2558 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs Department of Education to conduct study regarding impacts of major seismic event on children, including identifying methods for preparing schools and communities to meet needs of children following major seismic event.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE), Oregon Military Department (OMD), Legislative Assembly, Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of the Governor, School Districts

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund - Department of Education		
Professional Services	300,000	
Total Funds	\$300,000	\$0

Analysis:

HB 2558 establishes the nine-member Task Force on Seismic Event Preparation charged with conducting a study regarding the impact of a major seismic event on children in order to identify methods for preparing schools and communities to meet the needs of children following a major seismic event. The task force must report to the Legislature by September 15, 2020. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Department of Education (ODE)

ODE estimates the fiscal impact of contracting with an entity to conduct a study regarding the impacts of a major seismic event on children to be approximately \$300,000 General Fund for the 2019-21 biennium. ODE anticipates using existing staff and resources to support the work of the task force.

Department of Human Service, Office of the Governor, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), School Districts

The fiscal impact of this bill on DHS, OEM, the Office of the Governor, and school districts is anticipated to be minimal. This fiscal assumes that these agencies will use existing staff and resources to serve on the task force and to furnish the task force with existing available data, subject matter expertise, information, advice, and other support.

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 \$420 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 remains 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.

This measure requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund resources for the Department of Education.