FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION   Measure: HB 2735 - A

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Measure Description:
Establishes Open Spaces Task Force on Emergency Preparedness.

Government Unit(s) Affected:
Oregon Military Department (OMD), Legislative Assembly

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:
HB 2735 creates the 35-member Open Spaces Task Force on Emergency Preparedness charged with identifying locations that are suitable for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery needs, including identifying projects to prepare Redmond Municipal Airport and the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay for use as primary transportation points in an emergency. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by September 15, 2020. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

Oregon Military Department
OMD reports that current staffing levels within the agency are insufficient to assign the work of supporting a task force to existing staff. However, OMD believes that the limited duration Program Analyst 2 position (0.63 FTE) priced at $117,045 Total Funds for 2019-21 to support the work of the Task Force on Rural Fire Protection District Community Development established in SB 694 could take on this work. If this measure and SB 694, as well as HB 2535 creating the Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery all become law, OMD could assign the work of supporting all three task forces to this temporary position.

Legislative Assembly
The measure specifies that non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. However, four 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 $841 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 committees and task forces, 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 is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Justice, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the Oregon State Police, the Department of Transportation, the Office of the State Resilience Officer, the Department of Administrative Services, the Oregon Department of Aviation, the Oregon Health Authority, the Public Utility Commission, the State Department of Agriculture, the State

Department of Energy, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, the office of the State Fire Marshal, the Forestry Department, the Marine Board, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, the Oregon State Treasurer, the Travel Information Council, the Water Resources Department, the Judicial Department, counties, cities, and special districts. These entities will use existing staff and resources to serve on the task force and to furnish the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.

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