

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 2421 - 1

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Measure Description:

Establishes Oregon Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

HB 2421 with the -1 amendment establishes the Oregon Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force charged with developing a plan and designing a public campaign to raise awareness about early detection of kidney disease and promote health equity to reduce the burden of kidney disease statewide. The Legislative Policy and Research Director is required to provide staff support to the Task Force. The measure directs the Task Force to report the plan and recommendations for legislation to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly by December 31, 2022 and annually thereafter. The Task Force sunsets on January 2, 2028.

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, 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 to attend six meetings of the Task Force is \$5,500. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax and assumes per diem remains at \$151 and the average mileage of 90 miles at the current rate of \$0.56 per mile. Although the 2021-23 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 2021-23 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.

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO)

The bill requires LPRO to provide staff support to the task force. The 2021-23 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO support of interim committees and task forces.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

The measure is anticipated to have minimal impact on OHA. This fiscal analysis assumes that OHA will reprioritize existing staff and resources to serve as a member of the Task force and furnish the Task Force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.