

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 428 - 5

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Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: June 8, 2021**Measure Description:**

Extends for one year sunset on Task Force on Universal Health Care and extends deadline for task force to submit recommendations to Legislative Assembly.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact - Oregon Health Authority (OHA):

| | 2021-23 Biennium | 2023-25 Biennium |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | | |
| Personal Services | 305,578 | |
| Services and Supplies | 211,190 | |
| Total General Fund | \$516,768 | \$0 |
| Positions | 2 | |
| FTE | 1.26 | |

Analysis:

SB 428 extends the sunset on the 20-member Task Force on Universal Health Care from January 2, 2022 to January 2, 2023 to allow the task force more time to complete its work and submit its findings to the Legislative Assembly regarding the design of the Health Care for All Oregon Plan, a universal health care system, administered by the Health Care for All Oregon Board, that is equitable, affordable and comprehensive; provides high quality health care; and is publicly funded and available to every individual residing in Oregon.

The -5 amendment changes the date that the Task Force must submit a report, containing its findings and recommendations for the design of the Health Care for All Oregon Plan and the Health Care for All Oregon Board to the Legislature, from the 2022 regular session of the Legislative Assembly to no later than September 30, 2022. The -A5 amendment also appropriates \$516,768 General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority expend in support of the continuing work of the Task Force on Universal Health Care.

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

OHA estimates the cost of supporting the task force for one more year to be \$516,768 General Fund, 2 positions, and 1.26 FTE for the 15 months of the 2021-23 biennium. SB 770 (2019) established the task force, and funding through SB 770 (2019) covered staff and consulting fees to support the task force. This funding ended January 31, 2021. In order to extend the work, OHA would require two Operations and Policy Analyst 4 limited duration positions to continue coordinating project management, policy research and analysis, including conducting and producing complex research data. In addition, OHA's contracted support with policy consultants ends in June 30, 2021. The cost to extend contracted support is estimated at \$150,000.

Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Legislative Assembly

The fiscal impact of extending the task force is anticipated to be minimal for LPRO and the Legislative Assembly. The 2021-23 Legislative Branch budget should contain funds allocated for LPRO to continue providing staffing support to the task force and for per diem and travel reimbursements for the four legislative members of the task force.