

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 542 - A

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Vehicle Charging Stations.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Public Utility Commission (PUC), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

SB 542 establishes the 12-member Task Force on Vehicle Charging Station tasked with investigating installing vehicle charging stations on public property throughout Oregon and to make recommendations for changes to statutes that would promote the installation and use of charging stations. The task force must submit a report to the Joint Committee on Transportation by September 15, 2022. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2022.

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 participate on the task force from October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 is \$3,700. 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.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

This bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on ODOT. The agency will use existing staff and resources to provide administrative support to the task force.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Public Utility Commission (PUC), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

This bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on OPRD, PUC, and DEQ. The bill requires the Governor to appoint a representative from each of these agencies to serve as a member on the task force. This fiscal analysis assumes that these agencies will reprioritize duties to attend meetings and use existing staff and resources to furnish the task force with existing available data, information, advice, and other support.