FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Requires local workforce development boards to evaluate programs administered by state workforce agencies through WorkSource Oregon system.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Employment Department (OED), Community Colleges

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis.

Analysis: Establishes Committee for Continuous Improvement. Directs State Workforce and Talent Development Board to consult with state workforce agencies and local workforce development boards to assess through the committee the effectiveness of the state's public workforce development system. Directs committee to contract with an independent consultant to conduct assessment of public workforce system and develop recommendations to prioritize services to individuals and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by September 30, 2021 and specifies requirements. Requires committee to submit assessment report and recommendations to State Workforce and Talent Development Board. Requires board to approve report and submit to Governor and interim legislative committees within 45 days of receipt. Directs committee to contract with an independent consultant to conduct biennial review and assessment of public workforce system and develop recommendations. Specifies requirements and objectives of biennial assessment. Requires committee to report on assessment to Governor and interim legislative committees biennially by December 15 of each evennumbered year.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission anticipates using interagency agreements and memorandums of understanding (MOU) to jointly share costs through existing Federal Funds at agencies and local boards. It is expected the work will initially cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000 Federal Funds for 2021, and between \$200,000 and \$250,000 Federal Funds for the comprehensive evaluations in even numbered years beginning in 2022. HECC will staff the State Workforce and Talent Development Board and Committee for Continuous Improvement with existing resources.

The Oregon Employment Department anticipates a minimal fiscal impact due to this bill.