

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2263 - 2

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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Measure Description:

Creates Task Force on Student Housing, and Task Force on Student Access to Child Care.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Legislative Assembly, Office of the Governor, State Treasurer, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Housing and Community Services Department

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 2263 - 2 creates the 15-member Task Force on Student Housing which is to examine student housing availability and funding at post-secondary institutions of education and develop recommendations to improve student housing availability, accessibility and affordability; and recommendations on how post-secondary institutions of education can be open, welcoming and safe places for houseless students. The task force is to report to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education no later than September 15, 2024. Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force. The bill directs the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to provide staff support for the task force, and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2024.

The measure also creates the 11-member Task Force on Student Access to Child Care which is to review state-provided child care grants and campus-based child care centers to determine the combination of direct student support and state grants to campus-based child care centers that would meet the needs of the greatest number of students; and provide recommendations on potential legislation to increase access and provide affordable child care to students enrolled at post-secondary institutions of education. The task force is to report to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education no later than September 15, 2024. Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force. The bill directs HECC to provide staff support for the task force, and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2024.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission

HECC anticipates costs totaling \$211,865 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium. To provide support to these two task forces, HECC would require two limited duration positions: a full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (0.50 FTE) to support the task force, and a part-time Research Analyst 4 (0.25 FTE) to collect data and conduct research. Costs include \$174,443 for personal services and \$37,422 for services and supplies.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Four members of each task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Meetings are set by the

chairperson and it is unknown how often the task force would meet. However, assuming each task force meets five times during the approximate 12-month period until its report is due September 15, 2024, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs for both task forces will total \$11,200. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, assumes the per diem remains at \$157 per day, and estimates an average mileage of 171 miles at the current rate of \$0.655 per mile. This estimate could change based on the number of meetings held. The task forces would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during the Legislative Session, or Task Force or Legislative Days.

Although the 2023-25 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committees and task forces, if the work required by these task forces, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2023-25 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Other agencies

There is no fiscal impact for the Office of the Governor or Housing and Community Services Department; and minimal impact for the Oregon State Treasurer.