



Legislative Fiscal Office  
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**Bill Title:** Relating to the American semiquincentennial; declaring an emergency.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** State Treasurer, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Office of the Governor, Department of Administrative Services, Secretary of State, Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Education, Oregon Business Development Department, Tourism Commission, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Legislative Assembly, Advocacy Commissions Office

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Administrative Services	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000		
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Administrative Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Measure Description**

The measure creates the 25-member America 250 Oregon Commission which is to coordinate and provide guidance for Oregon’s official observance of the 250th anniversary of the United States, as marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The bill directs the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) to provide staff support for the commission. OHS may expend and allocate any appropriations authorized by the Legislative Assembly and collect revenues other than those appropriated by the Legislative Assembly to use for this work. Voting members of the commission are entitled to compensation and expenses. The measure appropriates \$250,000 to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to transfer to OHS.

**Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$250,000 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium.

Department of Administrative Services

The measure appropriates \$250,000 General Fund to DAS to transfer to OHS. There are no additional administrative costs for DAS to complete this transfer.

OHS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that receives funding through donations, grants, a Multnomah County levy, and the State of Oregon. It is not clear exactly how funds appropriated under this measure will be spent, or the timeline for expenditures. If the appropriation provided by this measure is insufficient to support the work of the commission, or if the commission is not successful in fundraising efforts, additional state funding may be requested during the 2025-27 biennium to support the commission’s work through July 4, 2026.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Four members of the commission 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 that the commission meets six times this biennium, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs will total \$7,200. This amount includes the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax, assumes the per diem remains at \$166 per day, and estimates an average mileage of 180 miles at the current rate of \$0.67 per mile. This estimate could change based on the number of meetings held.

Although the 2023-25 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committees and task forces, if the work required by this commission, 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 entities

There is no or minimal fiscal impact for the State Treasurer, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Office of the Governor, Secretary of State, Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Education, Oregon Business Development Department, Tourism Commission, or the Advocacy Commissions Office.

**Relevant Dates**

The bill declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

The commission is to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to historical commemorations by September 15 each year, until January 2, 2028.