

Legislative Fiscal Office 83<sup>rd</sup> Oregon Legislative Assembly 2025 Regular Session

Prepared by:Michael GrahamReviewed by:Amanda Beitel, John TerpeningDate:June 15, 2025

Bill Title: Relating to municipal solid waste; prescribing an effective date.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Legislative Assembly, Legislative Policy and Research Office, Office of the Governor, Counties, Cities, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup

# **Measure Description**

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

# **Measure Description**

The measure establishes the 12-member Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley. The task force shall study and identify solutions for solid waste disposal in the Willamette Valley; and review the findings and recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force convened by Benton County. The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) shall provide staff support to the task force. The task force shall submit a report, including recommendations for legislation, to interim legislative committees related to the environment.

# **Fiscal Analysis**

The fiscal impact of the measure is anticipated to be minimal.

# Legislative Policy and Research Office

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on LPRO. the Task Force will have an estimated 12 months to complete its work and submit its report. LPRO currently has resources budgeted to support the work of the Legislative Assembly, including staffing committees, workgroups, and task forces. LPRO consistently utilizes continuing staff to assist the task forces with their work, including a legislative analyst, a researcher, and a committee assistant, who work together to support the task force. Based on the scope of the task force, LPRO anticipates it will meet monthly to complete the tasks described in the measure. Although LPRO's current service level budget supports interim task forces and committees, if the work required by this committee, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim task forces and committees exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2025-27 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

# Legislative Assembly

The measure is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Any member of the task force who is a legislative member is entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Assuming the task force meets 12 times, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs will total \$9,897 for four members in the 2025-27 biennium. These estimates include 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. The task force 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. Non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers, however, those that qualify under ORS 292.495 are entitled to compensation equal legislative member per diem and reimbursement for actual expenses incurred. The number of non-legislative members that may qualify for compensation is unknown, but it is anticipated to be minimal.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Although the 2025-27 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim task forces and committees, if the work required by this committee, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim task forces and committees exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2025-27 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

#### **Other Entities**

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Office of the Governor, cities, or counties.

#### **Relevant Dates**

The measure takes effect 91 days after adjournment sine die.

The task force shall submit a report to interim legislative committees related to the environment by December 15, 2026.

The task force sunsets on December 31, 2026.