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Bill Title: Relating to fraudulent schemes targeting the elderly; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Sheriffs, Counties, District Attorneys, Legislative Assembly, Legislative Policy and Research Office, Public Defense Commission, Department of Human Services, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Legislative Fiscal Office, Department of Administrative Services, Department of Justice, Department of State Police, Judicial Department, Office of the Governor

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$ 242,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,805	1	0.75
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 242,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,805	1	0.75

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Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure creates the 21-member Task Force on Law Enforcement Interdiction Against Financial Scams on the Elderly which is to prepare a list of standard terms, based on relevant federal law, regarding identification, investigation and prosecution of fraudulent schemes targeting the elderly and report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to information management and technology with recommendations for legislation. The bill directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staff support for the Task Force.

Fiscal Analysis

The total fiscal impact of the measure is anticipated to be \$242,805 General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

The measure requires the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) to provide staff support to the Task Force. LPRO is generally able to absorb the workload for staffing task forces within existing resources, however the number of committees and task forces over the last several biennia have increased and the workload for this particular task force is beyond current workload capacity.

Assuming monthly meetings over 12 months, this will require one limited duration Senior Legislative Analyst (SLA) assigned full-time to the Task Force (0.75 FTE), one Research Analyst assigned with half-time to the Task Force (0.38 FTE), and one Committee Assistant assigned half-time to the Task Force (0.38 FTE). The Senior

Legislative Analyst will be a new position that requires funding, while existing resources can be used to accommodate the workload for the Research Analyst and Committee Assistant positions. It is assumed the SLA will continue to provide support to the Task Force after reporting to the Legislative Assembly, until the Task Force sunsets December 31, 2027. The position would be responsible for serving as a subject matter expert, facilitating tasks, developing a workplan, drafting and presenting reports, and finalizing recommendations. The estimated \$242,805 fiscal impact includes the personal services costs associated with hiring of the Senior Legislative Analyst.

LPRO notes potential additional costs as a result of the requirement that the Task Force seek input regarding fraudulent attacks on the elderly from a “broad range of stakeholders” depending on factors such as the number of stakeholders that must be contacted, or how input from stakeholders needs to be collected. The measure also requires the Task Force to create materials, resources, and guides to raise awareness, spread resources for, and combat the presence of fraudulent attacks on elders. This requirement is outside LPRO’s typical scope of work and may require external contract services that specialize in developing educational materials in plain language and various formats.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Although the 2025-27 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committees and Task Forces, 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 2025-27 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Legislative members who are assigned to the Task Force are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. 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.

Other Entities

There is minimal anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Justice, District Attorneys, Oregon Judicial Department, and Legislative Fiscal Office.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Department of Human Services, Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Oregon State Police, Office of the Governor, Public Defense Services Commission, Counties, and Sheriffs.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage, and the Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2027.

The Task Force is to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to government by September 15, 2026.