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Bill Title: Relating to a transit funding task force; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Legislative Revenue Office, Department of Transportation, Counties, Cities, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Legislative Assembly, Metro

Summary of Fiscal Impact: Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure creates the 22-member Transit Funding Task Force to determine the level of funding needed to maintain adequate transit service statewide that is reliable, safe, and accessible, and allows for population growth over time; and to explore revenue mechanisms to achieve these funding needs. The bill directs the Legislative Revenue Office (LRO) to provide staff support for the task force. Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly serve as volunteers on the task force and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses unless qualified under ORS 292.495.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of staffing the task force is anticipated to be absorbed within existing agency resources.

Legislative Revenue Office

The bill requires LRO to provide staff support to the task force. LRO's current service level budget is assumed to be sufficient to support interim committees and task forces within existing resources. However, 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.

LRO assumes that there would be monthly meetings over six to eight months, though the task force could potentially meet more than once a month as dictated by the work required. One existing Economist and one Committee Assistant would be assigned part-time to the task force. Additional costs could result from the requirement that qualified members be compensated or reimbursed for expenses, but the number of qualified members is indeterminate at this time.

Although the task force is directed to provide a report by December 1, 2026, the task force does not sunset until the end of 2027 (see "Relevant Dates" below). It is not clear if the work of the task force is intended to continue after the report is submitted. LRO will have limited capacity to staff the task force during the 2027 legislative session if this is required in addition to LRO's existing body of work during the legislative session.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is also 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.

Four members of the task force will be legislative members who 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.

Relevant Dates

The bill 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 transportation by December 1, 2026.