

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4063 - A8

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Measure Description:

Designates Department of Transportation as lead agency for autonomous vehicle programs and policies.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Legislative Assembly, public universities, cities, counties, Oregon State Police (OSP), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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

Analysis:

HB 4063 with the -A8 amendment designates the Department of Transportation (ODOT) as the lead agency responsible for coordination of autonomous vehicle programs and policies. The bill establishes the 31-member Task Force on Autonomous Vehicles. The task force is charged with developing recommendations for legislation to be introduced during the 2019 Legislative Session regarding autonomous vehicles. The task force is required to submit a report regarding the deployment of autonomous vehicles on highways to an interim committee by September 15, 2018, and a report considering the potential long-term effects of autonomous vehicles by September 15, 2019. The task force sunsets January 2, 2021.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

The bill is anticipated to have a minimal fiscal impact on ODOT. The agency will use existing staff and resources to provide the task force with staffing support.

Legislative Assembly

The bill specifies that non-legislative members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation and reimbursement. However, four members of the task force will be legislative members who are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. Although the 2017-19 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, 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 2017-19 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during Legislative Session, Task force or Legislative Days.

Public universities, cities and counties

Public universities, the League of Oregon Cities, and the Association of Oregon Counties are identified as participants of the task force. This fiscal assumes that membership on the task force will have minimal impact on these entities, and that any task force work can be absorbed with existing resources.

Oregon State Police (OSP), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

OSP, OJD, and DCBS anticipate using existing staff and resources to provide the task force with assistance regarding law enforcement, and insurance and liability issues related to the use of autonomous vehicles.