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Bill Title: Relating to health care licensing; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Legislative Policy and Research Office, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$ 227,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 227,638	3	0.83
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 227,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 227,638	3	0.83

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$ 136,794	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136,794	3	0.50
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 136,794	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136,794	3	0.50

Measure Description

HB 4071-7 replaces the introduced measure. The measure establishes the 20-member Task Force on Health Professional Licensing Modernization, which is required to:

- Review the mission and vision statements of health professional regulatory boards.
- Recommend key performance metrics for health professional licensing processes.
- Suggest resources and timelines to assist the health regulatory boards when developing plans to meet their key performance metrics.
- Identify service obstacles and recommend solutions for improved licensing processes.
- Review changes to licensing processes that have resulted in a more efficient process.
- Assess health professional regulatory boards’ technical infrastructure or other structures that have improved performance.
- Review best practices regarding improving the licensing process for all potential applicants and improving interactions with applicants.

The measure requires the task force to submit reports to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024, September 15, 2025, and December 15, 2025. The task force is permitted to request information from health professional regulatory boards and all state agencies are directed to assist the task force if requested. The measure directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staff to support the task force. Non-legislative members are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of the measure is \$227,638 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium and \$136,794 in 2025-27. The measure requires the task force to meet monthly from April 2024 through December 2025. However, the meeting required in April 2024 would precede the measure's effective date, which is the 91st day following sine die (June 2024). In addition, the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) is estimated to need three additional positions to support the task force but is not expected to be able to begin hiring for these roles until summer 2024. Under this anticipated timeline, the task force may need to begin its work without staff support.

Legislative Policy and Research Office

The measure requires LPRO to provide staff support to the task force. As LPRO is currently staffing another health-related task force, it cannot absorb costs related to this task force and will require three limited duration positions at a total cost of \$227,638 General Fund for the 2023-25 biennium and \$136,794 for the 2025-27 biennium. The limited duration positions include one full-time Senior Legislative Analyst, one part-time Research Analyst, and one part-time Committee Assistant, which are summarized as follows:

- Senior Legislative Analyst (0.42 FTE) – serves as subject matter expert and is responsible for coordinating the work of the task force, including working closely with task force co-chairs to develop a workplan; organizing meeting content and speakers; listening to task force presentations and comments from members; analyzing information for inclusion in the required reports and review by task force members; and helping the task force to finalize recommendations.
- Research Analyst (0.21 FTE) – research literature and other information pertinent to the measure's requirements and completes analyses on licensure data related to the boards identified in the measure.
- Committee Assistant (0.21 FTE) – provides administrative support, including coordinating schedules to set meetings; receiving and posting meeting materials and presentations; overseeing technological elements of meetings before, during, and after meetings, including publishing a recording log; and other supportive duties as needed.

Legislative Assembly

The bill is expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. The four legislative members of the task force are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The measure requires the task force to meet monthly; if the task force meets 18 times, the estimated per diem and travel reimbursement costs will total \$20,635. 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 if the task force were to begin meeting earlier. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget for any meetings held at the Capitol building during the legislative session, or task force or interim legislative days.

Although the 2023-25 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 2023-25 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

The measure has no fiscal impact on the Oregon Health Authority.

Relevant Dates

The measure requires the task force to meet monthly from April 2024 through December 2025.

The measure requires the Task Force to report to the interim health committees by September 15, 2024, September 15, 2025, and December 15, 2025.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die and is repealed on December 31, 2025.