

State Expenditures

This bill will increase state expenditures by \$25,000 in FY 2015-16.

OEDIT. The bill specifies that the OEDIT shall provide all staff needed to assist the working group, and appropriates \$20,000 for these expenses. The OEDIT has indicated they plan to hire a consultant to assist the working group. It is unclear if the \$20,000 appropriation is sufficient to cover all the costs because a consultant has not been selected.

Legislative Council Staff. The bill allows the legislative members of the working group to be compensated for their attendance at the working group meetings. The total amount of compensation and reimbursement can not exceed \$5,000. The fiscal note assumes that legislative members of the working group will meet six times at an average daily cost of \$187 for each member. If the working group should meet more than six times, it is unclear if or how the legislative members will be compensated.

The bill also requires the economics staff of Legislative Council to provide assistance in selecting and discussing data to be used by the working group. This will increase workload but can be accomplished within existing appropriations since the data are already collected by Legislative Council Staff for other purposes.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State Appropriations

In FY 2015-16, this bill appropriates \$20,000 to the OEDIT for the administrative cost associated with staffing and attending the working group meetings. Legislative Council will require a \$5,000 appropriation to provide reimbursement to the four legislative members of the working group.

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