2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 201 **STATUS:** Original
SUBJECT: Establishes an energy efficiency program and appropriates General Fund for the program.
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Housing and Community Services Department
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DATE: February 11, 2009

	2009-2011	2011-2013
EXPENDITURES:		
Services and Supplies	$ 20,000	$ 20,000
Special Payments	$ 3,980,000	$ 3,980,000
Total General Fund	$ 4,000,000	$ 4,000,000

	2009-2011	2011-2013
REVENUES:		
General Fund Appropriation	$ 4,000,000	$ 4,000,000

POSITIONS / FTE:
See Comments

EFFECTIVE DATE:

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 201 directs the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to establish a program to provide housing energy improvements for low income people. The bill requires that funds for these improvements will only be provided when the funds "are matched with an equal amount of in-kind contributions" from "public or private grants, loans, bonds or cash, or with tax incentives." The bill requires HCSD to adopt policies that: ensure that energy efficiencies are incorporated into the construction of low-income housing; encourages on-site energy generation or the promotion of construction materials that protect the environment; focus on weatherization; and provide energy audits and energy efficiency education.

The measure includes an appropriation of $4 million General Fund for this program.

The Governor's budget assumes funding of this bill. HCSD anticipates using existing staff resources to implement this program.