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

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 201 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
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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	2009-2011	2011-2013
EXPENDITURES:		
See Comments		

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET: This bill is partially 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 A directs the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to establish a program to provide housing energy improvements for low income people. The bill provides that HCSD may disburse funds in the form of grants or loans to: ensure that energy efficiencies are incorporated into the construction of low-income housing; encourage on-site energy generation, or promote the use of construction materials that protect the environment; focus on weatherization; and provide energy audits and energy efficiency education.

The Governor's budget had assumed funding of this bill. However, the bill does not identify any source of funding for the potential grants and loans for the program. If HCSD were to take action to establish the program, it would need to use existing staff, which would reduce their availability to provide other funded services.