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Measure Description:

Expands state policy relating to ecosystems.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Office of the Governor, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of Agriculture, Department of Forestry, Department of State Lands, Counties

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

See Analysis

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:

The bill directs the Governor's Office in cooperation with Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to conduct an analysis of local, state, regional and federal conservation plans that could impact ecosystems, and make this information available on the website of the Governor's Office. The bill also further develops guidelines for state agencies and local governments' goals for maintenance, enhancement and restoration of ecosystem related services. The size and scope of these related services is unclear as well as specifically intended 'incentives' that may be provided under these guidelines. Therefore the measurable impact of this bill to state agencies and local governments is indeterminate at this time.

The bill has an estimated fiscal impact to OWEB of \$185,822 Other Funds in the 2013-2015 biennium for 1 limited duration position (.75 FTE). This position would work with the Governor's Office to conduct the analysis on government plans that could impact ecosystems and post the reports on the Governor's Office website.