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Measure Description:

Extends sunset date for Water Resources Department grant program for place-based integrated water resources strategies.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Water Resources Department (WRD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund	\$979,950	
Total Funds	\$979,950	\$0
Positions	1	
FTE	0.88	

Analysis:

The extension of the Water Resources Department (WRD) grant program for place-based integrated water resources strategies corresponds with *Policy Option Package (POP) 101-Place Based Community Support*, within the 2019-21 agency budget bill (HB 5043). The POP provides \$750,000 General Fund (GF) to support four existing planning groups in Harney-Malheur Lake, Lower John Day, Mid-Coast, and Upper Grande Ronde; as well as expand the support for placed-based plans to other communities that are currently considering this approach to water planning. Additionally, the WRD would extend funding for an existing limited duration Natural Resource Specialist 4 position (0.88 FTE), which provides technical assistance to support communities in the development of place-based integrated water resources plans; this position is estimated at \$229,950 GF in the 2019-21 biennium.

This fiscal impact makes no funding assumptions for the 2021-23 biennium, as workload estimates to WRD will vary based on the amount of grant funds made available in that biennium.