FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Regulates construction and removal of dams.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Employment Department (OED), Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Water Resources Department (WRD)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - See explanatory analysis.

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

The proposed legislation has been determined to have minimal expenditure on the Water Resources Department, Oregon Judicial Department and the Employment Department. Any increase in workload will be absorbed with existing staffing resources.

Summary of Revenue Impact to Water Resources Department (WRD):

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
Other Funds	45,725	45,725
Total Funds	\$45,725	\$45,725

Analysis:

The legislation establishes a fee for review of new dams and modifications to dams which is anticipated to generate 15 applications and an additional \$45,725 Other Funds per biennium for the Water Resources Department (WRD). No additional revenues from civil penalties are assumed at this time. For the most-part the WRD has already been conducting this work with existing staff already funded in the agency budget; therefore, any increase in workload will be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters.

Minimal budgetary impacts are anticipated to the Employment Department, Office of Administrative Hearings, related to the potential for additional hearings; as well as Oregon Judicial Department for potential for additional case filings in the circuit courts and Court of Appeals.