FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Appropriates moneys to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for 2019-2021 biennium for use by Oregon State University to develop, implement and operate website for providing public with information related to plant pest solutions.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Public Universities

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	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total Funds	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
Positions		
FTE		

Analysis: The bill appropriates \$3.0 million General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) for use by Oregon State University (OSU) to develop, implement, and operate a publicly accessible website providing information related to chemical and nonchemical solutions for plant pest solutions. Information submitted by HECC indicates that implementation of this project would occur over a three-year period. Only \$2.0 million of the requested amount would be required for 2019-21, while the remaining \$1.0 million would need to be requested for 2021-23.

OSU estimates the need for three positions (1.60 FTE) that would provide project management and expertise on pesticide safety to support website development and maintenance. Resources are also required for estimated website and content development contracts, advertising, and costs to provide a portion of the website content in both English and Spanish.