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Measure Description:

Requires permit for construction, installation or operation of system for on-site treatment and reuse of nonpotable water.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Water Resources Department (WRD), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Energy and Environment to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation allows the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to issue a permit for the construction, installation and operation of an onsite nonportable water system; however the legislation may result in a lack of authority for the agency to assess a fee for this new permit. While the number of permits issued for these types of systems has been, and is anticipated to remain, relatively low; further analysis is required to estimate the workload and staffing impacts and the relationship of those costs compared to potential fee revenue, if any.

The fiscal impacts to the following state agencies, associated with this bill, are anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgetary parameters: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Water Resources Department (WRD), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required