

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2331 - A

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Measure Description:

Provides that Water Resources Commission has certain amount of time to enforce general or special standards related to well construction activities.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Water Resources Department (WRD)

Analysis:

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

The legislation provides further enforcement authorization related to the construction of wells and establishes a task force on Oregon Well Construction Enforcement Activities which consists of nine members; one member will represent the Water Resources Department (WRD), and one member will represent the Oregon Health Authority. The task force must review and make recommendations on: priorities and procedures developed by WRD related to the review of well logs and fiscal impact and funding consequences of those priorities and procedures; limiting enforcement of well construction standards; and enforcement, operations, and maintenance practices for well construction; potential improvements to well programs; and methods to improve well construction and inspection practices. Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and WRD must provide staff support to the task force. The task force must submit a report and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020 and the task force sunsets on December 31, 2020.

A fiscal impact to the WRD is anticipated related to staff workload to support the task force and to hire a professional facilitator for task force meetings. 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