

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1511 - 3

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Measure Description:

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to adopt by rule and administer program for authorizing voluntary projects for stream restoration and habitat improvement through construction of environmental restoration weirs.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of State Lands (DSL), Department of Forestry (ODF), Water Resources Department (WRD), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - See explanatory analysis.

Analysis:

SB 1511 - 3 directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to adopt by rule and administer a program for authorizing voluntary projects for stream restoration and habitat improvement through construction of environmental restoration weirs. These structures must not store or appropriate water in a way that would require permit from the Water Resources Department (WRD). ODFW must coordinate with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to consider the impacts of the project on transportation infrastructure, and to modify the project if needed.

ODOT, WRD, Department of State Lands and Oregon Department of Forestry all report a minimal fiscal impact from this measure.

ODFW has an indeterminate fiscal impact as a result of this measure. They anticipate that there will be a minimal impact related to rulemaking, reporting requirements, and assessment of streams that could be accomplished by existing staff resources. However, the number of projects that will occur under this measure is currently unknown. Should there be a large number of restoration projects, ODFW may need to request additional staff for assessment of sites.