

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 1514 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires State Forestry Department to establish demonstration projects for reducing wildfire risk on forestlands and rangelands.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Forestry (ODF), Special Districts, Counties, Cities, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee On Wildfire Reduction and Recovery to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to establish up to 15 projects that are designed to reduce wildfire danger by reducing hazardous fuel levels and restoring landscape resiliency on public or private forest and rangelands. The department is directed to seek public input on projects, and to report on their progress to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly on related to natural resources, and the Governor, no later than December 1, 2020. ODF must also provide a separate report on outcomes and recommendations no later than September 15, 2021. The measure appropriates \$25 million General Fund to support these activities.

There are multiple operational and budgetary questions, including questions about implementation timelines and appropriate funding levels, that require further analysis.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Forestry (ODF), Special Districts, Counties, Cities, and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC).

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