

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4054 - A

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Measure Description:

Creates Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, Public Universities, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Cities, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Department of Forestry (ODF), Office of the Governor

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Human Services and Housing to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure creates the Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee composed of 23 or more voting committee members and 12 non-voting members. The Committee is staffed by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). DLCD, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), and Oregon State University (OSU) are directed to assess regional wildfire risk on behalf of the Committee, and also report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources not later than February 1, 2021 regarding possible means to implement the final recommendations produced by the Governor’s Council on Wildfire Response. The Council is directed to report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly no later than October 31, 2020 with a plan to sustainably fund a wildfire strategy.

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) is to commission a study to determine if renewable energy generation is a feasible means for disposing of materials from wildfire fuel load reduction projects. The contract for this project is not to cost more than \$500,000. The study will be advised and reviewed by an advisory committee appointed by the director of ODOE.

This measure appropriates \$350,000 General Fund to DLCD, \$100,000 General Fund to ODF, \$50,000 General Fund to OSU, and \$61,900 General Fund to ODOE. It should be noted there is a direct appropriation to OSU in the amendment. Funding directed to public universities is to first be appropriated to HECC which then distributes the funding to the public university.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on DLCD, ODF, ODOE, Cities, Counties, Public Universities, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon Health Authority, and the Office of the Governor.

Further Analysis Required