

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 2145 - 6

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Measure Description:

Limits time for Water Resources Commission to enforce standards related to wells against well constructor.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), Water Resources Department (WRD), Department of Justice (DOJ)

Analysis:

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

The measure establishes the Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Water Resources Department (WRD) to provide financial assistance to permanently abandon water wells, or to repair and replace water wells used for household purposes. This measure also outlines various requirements related to oversight and permitting of wells; and increases the fee for report forms submitted to WRD when a well is constructed or modified, from \$225 to \$350. WRD is directed to report to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to water on the Department’s review of well logs and inspection of wells on or before January 31, 2023.

WRD estimates costs of implementing this measure at \$352,292 General Fund in 2021-23 and \$453,376 General Fund in 2023-25. However, a complete analysis of these numbers has not been completed and these figures remain estimates until a full fiscal impact statement can be provided.

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on WRD, the Department of Justice, and the Oregon Judicial Department.

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