

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2143 - 4

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Measure Description:

Changes annual fees for all power claimants to match annual fees for other hydroelectric projects.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Water Resources Department (WRD), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Summary of Revenue Impact:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
Other Funds	\$759,344	\$1,414,643
Total Funds	\$759,344	\$1,414,643

Analysis: This measure increases the annual fees on large projects (123.5 Total Horsepower (THP)) that are being relicensed starting at a base rate of \$0.687/THP. The bill also requires that a Fee Review Panel convene at least every eight years to adjust the fee based on programmatic need and as the agencies hydroelectric project portfolio changes. The measure phases in the fee increase on larger projects, allowing these projects to pay \$0.48/THP through 2023 or upon relicensing.

The Water Resource Department (WRD) estimates the fee increase will result in an additional \$759,344 Other Funds in the 2021 biennium. The fee revenue is split between WRD (9%), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) (25%), and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) (66%). WRD will transfer funds to ODFW and DEQ. These funds are assumed in the Governor’s budget and would become part of the agency’s budgets if approved by the Legislature.