

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3247 - A**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official*

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**Measure Description:**

Appropriates moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for allocation to Oregon State University through the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, for specified purposes related to zoonotic disease.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon State University

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2023-25 Biennium</b>	<b>2025-27 Biennium</b>
<b>Higher Education Coordinating Commission</b>		
<b>General Fund</b>		
Special Payments	\$3,730,000	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	\$3,730,000	\$0
<b>Total Fiscal Impact</b>	<b>\$3,730,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Analysis:**

House Bill 3247 A-engrossed appropriates \$3,730,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) in the 2023-25 biennium for allocation to Oregon State University (OSU) through the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. OSU may use the allocated funds for monitoring, preventing, and responding to zoonotic diseases, including \$2,500,000 for personnel to address public health needs; \$330,000 for equipment; and \$900,000 for a feasibility study and design of a new veterinary diagnostic lab. The measure takes effect on passage.

HECC would distribute the General Fund appropriation as special payments to OSU. There would be no additional cost to HECC to distribute these funds, and any increase in workload, associated with processing these special payments, is anticipated to be minimal and absorbable within HECC’s 2023-25 current service level. It should also be noted that HECC anticipates that any remaining funds not distributed to OSU in the first fiscal year of the 2023-25 biennium would be distributed to OSU for services and supplies in the second fiscal year of the biennium.

The measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its impact to the State’s General Fund and HECC’s biennial budget.