

SB 830 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies provisions of the current On-Site Septic System loan program to allow for grants and expands eligibility for financial assistance to low and moderate income households, residential housing providers and small business property owners unable to obtain traditional financing.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact.

Revenue impact: No revenue impact.

Detailed Summary:

Includes grants, in addition to loans, to assist with the repair, replacement, upgrade or evaluation of on-site septic systems. Expands eligibility for on-site septic financial assistance to include single unit or multiple unit housing, whether occupied by an owner or a tenant, as well as small business property owners. Adds a provision that residences used to provide short term lodging are not eligible for the Financial Assistance Program. Takes effect on the 91st day after the 83rd Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fire recovery septic systems
- Three basin rule

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Onsite Wastewater Management Program, administered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), oversees the regulation and management of septic systems for properties not connected to public sewer systems. Under existing law ORS 454.799 (On-Site Septic System Low-Interest Loan Programs) DEQ provides On-Site Septic Resources for property owners who need financial assistance for septic system repairs or replacements.