

SB 830 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies provisions of an existing on-site septic system loan program to allow grants or other financial assistance, in addition to loans, to be provided to eligible applicants and extends eligibility to residential housing providers. The measure specifies that residences used to provide short-term lodging are not eligible. It takes effect on the 91st day after adjournment sine die.

Minimal Fiscal Impact

No Revenue Impact

SENATE VOTE: Ayes, 30

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Related legislation that appropriates funding for the on-site septic system loan program
- Sources of nitrate pollution in Eastern Oregon
- Availability of on-site septic system loan program funds in different parts of the state

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 low-interest loans to property owners who need financial assistance for septic system repairs or replacements.