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Bill Title: Relating to water.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Legislative Policy and Research Office

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$ 124,699	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,699	1	0.50
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 124,699	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,699	1	0.50

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Legislative Policy and Research Office	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure directs the Legislative Policy and Research Director to conduct a study on the negative economic impacts of water-related policies on Oregon's agricultural and ranching sectors. The study must evaluate policies related to groundwater permitting, surface water allocation, drought management, regulatory compliance costs, and other policies determined to have adverse economic impacts.

A report detailing the findings and conclusions must be submitted to the interim legislative committees on natural resources by December 31, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The estimated fiscal impact is \$124,699 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

The measure directs the Legislative Policy and Research Director to study the economic impacts of state water policies on agriculture and ranching and deliver a report to the interim legislative committees on natural resources by December 31, 2026. To complete the study, the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) is anticipated to hire a limited duration, full-time Research Analyst 3 (0.50 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium. This position will be supported by an existing Senior Research Analyst and Legislative Analyst to identify and analyze relevant water-related policies. Staffing needs cannot be absorbed within the agency's existing budget and would require an estimated \$124,699 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium to support the additional position.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.