

**2007 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** SB 88

**STATUS:** A-Engrossed

**SUBJECT:** Repeals sunset on well constructor's license and fee structure, extends continuing education sunset and adds fee for agency sponsored training

**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Water Resources Department

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	<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2009-2011</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Personal Services – Other Funds	\$ 22,281	\$ 22,281
Services and Supplies – Other Funds	\$ 9,795	\$ 9,795
Total Other Fund Expenditures for Training	\$ 32,076	\$ 32,076
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Training Fees – Other Funds	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2008

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:** This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**COMMENTS:** This bill would repeal the sunset on well contractor's license and fee structure and continue the current licensing structure of one, two year license with a related fee of \$150. The bill also extends the continuing education requirement to January 2, 2014 and establishes a fee of \$40 per credit hour not to exceed \$250 for a full day of agency sponsored continuing education training.

Amendments to ORS 537.747 made by the 2001 Legislature changed the Water Resources Department's (WRD) well contractor's license and fee structure from a one or five year license with corresponding fees of \$50 or \$200, to a single, two year license with a fee of \$150. Continuing education requirements were also added. If the bill fails to pass, the department will revert to the pre 2001 licensing and fee structure, and the continuing education requirement would end. The WRD reports that this would lead to \$23,000 in lost revenues, staffing reductions and a backlog forming in the program.

If enacted, the bill maintains WRD's current licensing structure and fee, extends the continuing education requirement to 2014, and establishes fees for WRD sponsored training. The WRD estimates that 130 students will pay \$250 to attend department sponsored, day-long trainings each biennium. This would create increased Other Fund fee revenues of \$32,500 per biennium. Expenses include costs associated with having existing well licensing and inspection staff involved in training activities and costs to conduct the trainings such as meeting room and speakers fees. Total training costs are estimated to be \$32,076 per biennium.