

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote: 7 - 1 - 0
Yeas: Bailey, Barnhart, Bentz, Boone, Jenson, Smith J., Cannon
Nays: Gilliam
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 1/22, 2/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases start card fee from \$125 to \$225. Effective July 1, 2009.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Decreasing number of wells drilled due to economic conditions
- Agency work funded by start card fees
- Specific statutory limitations on use of start card revenues

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes new fee level effective July 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND: ORS 537.762 requires a well driller to submit a report to the Water Resources Commission before beginning any work on a well. This report is called a "start card." The statute requires a fee to be submitted with a start card and directs that such fees are used to pay the cost of well inspections. The start card fee was last increased in 2003.