

**2009 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 2904                      **STATUS:** Original  
**SUBJECT:** Plan to remediate or mitigate severe adverse conditions on farm parcels  
**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Department of Revenue and Department of Higher Education  
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	<u><b>2009-2011</b></u>	<u><b>2011-2013</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b> See comments.		

**REVENUES:**  
See comments.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 91<sup>st</sup> day after sine die.

**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:** The bill directs the Department of Revenue to establish, in conjunction with the Oregon State University Extension Service, by rule a process plan for remediating or mitigating severe adverse conditions on a farm parcel.

The Department of Revenue indicates that the rulemaking is a component of their agency’s normal business practices so this activity can be assumed with existing resources.

The Department of Higher Education’s (DHE) Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Services indicates that the remediation or mitigation planning resulting from the bill will require additional work. The number of cases and amount of additional work is not known at this time. Services provided by OSU faculty through the Extension Services are often funded by grants or other federal funds; and, some services are provided on a fee for service basis. Depending on the nature of cases that emerge as a result of the bill, OSU may need to assess property owners with fees for testing services or staff resources. The timing and amount of these potential Other Fund revenues and related expenses are not known at this time but is generally anticipated to be minimal.