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

MEASURE NUMBER: SB 629 STATUS: A Engrossed

SUBJECT: Noxious weeds grant program

GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Agriculture and Counties

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EXPENDITURES:

See comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: On passage.

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 State Department of Agriculture (ODA) to establish a grant program to assist counties in carrying out weed control district duties, functions and powers. No more than 10 percent of all moneys can be allocated to pay administrative expenses of the program. The ODA may establish rules to carry out the grant program.

The ODA indicates that the fiscal associated with creating the program is expected to be "no fiscal" until grant monies become available. The bill limits the amount of grant program resources that can be used for administration to 10 percent. It is not known at this time whether that margin will be sufficient to cover the cost associated with administration of the program.

Qualifying counties can receive grants that equal or exceed monies provided by the county to car you the duties, functions and powers of the district. The potential fiscal impact this might have on counties is indeterminate as the timing and potential amount of grant requests are not known at this time.