

## FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2879 - A

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### Measure Description:

Renames the Task Force on Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening to the Grow Oregon Council and extends sunset of Council from July 1, 2011 to January 2, 2016.

### Government Unit(s) Affected:

Business Development Department (Business Oregon)

### Summary of Fiscal Impact:

See Analysis

### 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.

### Analysis:

House Bill 2879 renames the Task Force on Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening to the Grow Oregon Council and extends sunset of Council from July 1, 2011 to January 2, 2016. The bill increases membership from 15 to 19 to include principals of Oregon-based companies and trade associations, and assigns the following new responsibilities to the council:

1. Explore opportunities for connecting market research and economic gardening services to capital access programs, including but not limited to the Building Opportunities for Oregon Small Business Today (BOOST) Account.
2. Explore opportunities for facilitating the access of stage two, high-growth businesses to international markets.
3. Advise the Oregon Business Development Department or other administering entity on a pilot program providing economic gardening services, if such a program is authorized.

The bill directs the council to cease meeting once it completes its evaluation of the implementation of the pilot program; or once it recommends against implementation of a pilot program.

At this time, the fiscal impact of this bill on the Oregon Business Development Department is indeterminate depending on the recommendations of the council and on available funding. The Council's activities are funded by grants, donations, contributions and gifts.