

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3358 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires State Department of Agriculture to establish program for issuing grants to counties for noxious weed control.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Agriculture

**Summary of Expenditure 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:**

The measure directs the Department of Agriculture to establish a grant program to assist counties in carrying out noxious weed control. The measure establishes the grant qualifications and allows the Department to establish rules including prioritization of grant moneys and reporting requirements and to deduct administrative costs.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The source and the amount of funds to be awarded are not identified in the measure. Once funding has been identified, in order to implement the grant program, the Department would need to develop rules and program procedures, accounting systems development, forms and reporting guidelines at an estimated start-up cost of \$30,000 General Fund. The Department estimates that additional staffing may be required, however the demand of the individual grants to be awarded is indeterminate and excessive demand may impact staffing levels. The measure does not put a limit on the amount of administrative expenses to carry out the purposes of the grant program.