

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3623 - A**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Eliminates requirement that Water Resources Commission repeal certain rules regarding ground water mitigation in Deschutes Basin ground water study area. Requires Water Resources Department to periodically review program for Deschutes Basin ground water study area and report to Legislative Assembly every five years. Specifies required contents of report.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Water Resources Department

**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 requires the Water Resources Department (WRD) to periodically review the Deschutes Basin ground water study area and report to the Legislative Assembly every five years on the program outcomes. The measure specifies the required contents of the report.

WRD plans to allocate the anticipated workload for the reporting requirements to existing positions. WRD anticipates the total cost for the reporting requirements to be \$10,000 General Fund for the 2011-13 biennium. WRD notes that providing the report to the legislature in 2013 would align with other departmental reporting requirements and would mitigate the costs of formulating the report.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that depending on the cumulative workload requirements added this session or possible budget reductions, WRD may need to reprioritize other duties or the legislature may need to review staffing requirements in the future should this legislation pass.