

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 82 - B

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Measure Description:

Allows manufacturer program or state contractor program that collects, transports and recycles covered electronic devices beyond certain threshold to claim recycling credits.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Environmental Quality

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Department of Environmental Quality – Other Funds	\$0	\$59,543

Summary of Revenue 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 allows manufacturer program or a state contractor program that collects, transports and recycles covered electronic devices beyond certain threshold to claim recycling credits. The measure allows a program to earn credits that can be bought, sold or used to meet up to 15% of its return share by weight. The measure allows the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to change this percentage by rule and program participants must include credit information in the annual report to DEQ. The provisions regarding the credit program is effective on passage.

The measure adds computer peripherals and printers to the covered electronic devices in the electronic waste (e-waste) program operated by DEQ. The measure adds printer manufacturers to the list of other manufacturers required to register, participate and report in the program. The provisions regarding the new covered electronic devices and printer manufacturers are operative January 1, 2015.

The e-waste program is funded by manufacturer registration fees and recycling fees paid by participants in the state contractor program. DEQ assumes implementation of the requirements of this measure would begin in 2013-15 when revenues from the new participants are received. DEQ estimates 10 to 15 printer manufacturers will be registered and 8 will join the state contractor program.

DEQ estimates the cost to implement the provisions of the bill at approximately \$59,543 Other Funds in 2013-15. DEQ assumes that the anticipated workload related to the inclusion of printer manufacturers to the program would be accomplished by existing staff.

The revenue impact is indeterminate. For the manufacturer registration, DEQ will need to determine the quantity of printer units sold to estimate the fee that manufacturers would pay. DEQ notes that manufacturer registration revenue has been declining and anticipates increasing fees in 2012 to fund the program costs. Costs of the state contractor program are covered by the recycling fees paid by participants.