

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 119-A

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Measure Description:

Increases fees for commercial growing, production, harvesting or distribution of shellfish.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact:

	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds	\$68,000	\$136,000

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 the Department of Agriculture to establish annual fees for commercial growing, producing, harvesting or distribution of shellfish, and the cultivation fee per acre paid to the Department, by administrative rule and increases the maximum amount of the annual fees. The measure eliminates the statutory limit on the amount of total fees paid for a combination of certificates. The changes to the fee structure apply to fees assessed for annual periods that begin on or after July 1, 2011.

Currently, the amount of annual shellfish certificate fees are determined by the annual gross income of persons engaged shellfish growing, production, harvesting or distribution, either above or below \$60,000. This measure would reduce the minimum annual income level to \$50,000, institute a medium annual income level of \$50,000 to \$500,000, and establish a new set of maximum certificate fees for income levels over \$500,000. The measure also increases the cultivation fee per acre from \$4 to a maximum of \$14.

The Department estimates approximately 23 entities below \$50,000, 27 entities between \$50,000 and \$500,000 and 14 entities over \$500,000 in annual gross income will be affected in 2011-13. Additionally, the Department estimates 3,898 acres are used for cultivation of shellfish. Under the maximum allowable fee amount, the Department assumes the fee increases would generate approximately \$68,000 in revenue in 2011-13 and \$136,000 in revenue in 2013-15.

The additional revenue from this measure is included in a policy package in the agency's requested budget and will be used to restore a revenue shortfall that will allow the Department to maintain existing level of service within the shellfish regulation program.

The measure will have a minimal expenditure impact to the agency for administrative rule-making.