

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 121**

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**Measure Description:**

Increases maximum permissible annual license fees for retail seed sellers and wholesale seed sellers.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Agriculture

**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.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:** See Analysis

**Summary of Revenue Impact:**

	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Other Funds	\$99,820	\$199,600

**Analysis:**

The measure increases the maximum allowable annual license fee issued by the Department of Agriculture for retail and wholesale sellers of seed. These statutory limits set in 2000 are currently \$40 for a retailer's license and \$400 for a wholesaler's license. This measure would increase the maximum allowable fee from \$40 to \$75 for retailers and \$400 to \$750 for wholesalers.

The Department estimates approximately 802 annual retail licensees and 205 annual wholesale licensees would be affected in 2011-13. Under the measure's maximum allowable fee, the Department would generate approximately \$99,820 in revenue for 2011-13 and \$199,600 in 2013-15. The measure takes effect January 1, 2012 and the agency assumes implementation of the bill no later than July 1, 2012.

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 the existing level of service within the seed regulation program. The Department states that the fees would not be immediately raised to the statutory maximum but rather incrementally increased over time to meet the expenses related to the seed regulatory program.

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