

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 342 - A

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Measure Description:

Revises statutory provisions relating to lottery moneys constitutionally directed toward financing restoration and protection of native fish and wildlife, watersheds and water quality.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, Oregon State Police

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2011-13 Biennium	2013-15 Biennium
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board -- Lottery Funds	\$100,000	\$0

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 revises statutory provisions relating to lottery moneys deposited into the Parks and Natural Resources Fund (PNRF) approved by voters in 2010 as Ballot Measure 76. The lottery moneys are used to fund natural resources activities among various state agencies and local governments. Currently, 50% of the lottery funds deposited into the PNRF is transferred to the Parks Subaccount and 50% are transferred to the Natural Resources Subaccount.

Parks Subaccount

The measure stipulates that a minimum of 12% of the moneys transferred into the State Parks and Recreation Department Fund must be deposited into the Local Government Grants Subaccount and that those monies may not be used to pay for costs to administer grants. The measure requires that if the amount transferred into the State Parks and Recreation Department Fund from the Parks Subaccount is greater than 150% of the amount transferred in 2009-11, then 25% of the transfer must be deposited into the Local Government Grants Subaccount. OPRD is required to report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means no later than January 15th of odd-numbered years on the measureable biennial and cumulative results of programs financed by moneys from the State Parks and Recreation Fund.

Natural Resources Subaccount

Of the total moneys in the Natural Resources Subaccount, the measure stipulates that 65% be deposited into the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund and 35% into the Watershed Conservation Operating Fund. The measure requires that if the amount transferred into the Natural Resources Subaccount is greater than 150% of the amount transferred in 2009-11, then 70% of the transfer must be deposited into the Watershed Conservation Grant Fund.

The measure directs that each state agency that receives moneys from the Natural Resources Subaccount submit a report to the Legislative Assembly each biennium regarding the use of the moneys. Additionally, OWEB is required to report to the 76th Legislative Assembly no later than February 1st, 2012 on the efforts to improve efficiency and effectiveness of grants issued by the Board.

The lottery funds allocated by this measure are assumed in the Governor's budget for OWEB, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, and Oregon State Police.

OWEB states that the anticipated workload of the efficiency evaluation of the grants process required by the measure cannot be absorbed within existing staff while maintaining the agency's current workload and meeting the reporting deadline. OWEB anticipates the need to hire a consultant at an estimated cost of \$100,000 Lottery Fund.