

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2253 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires Portland State University Population Research Center to issue population forecasts for land use planning that are currently produced by counties.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Land Conservation and Development, Counties, Cities, Oregon University System (OUS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: Department of Land Conservation and Development

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	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	\$440,716	\$472,655
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds		
Federal Funds		
Total Funds	\$440,716	\$472,655

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:

This bill would move responsibility for population forecasts for some Oregon cities and counties, currently paid for by cities and counties, to the Population Research Center at Portland State University (PSU). Oregon University System, specifically Portland State University Population Research Center (PSU PRC), would need to hire two positions (2.00 FTE) for \$325,044 Other Funds (OF) in the 2013-15 biennium and two positions (2.00 FTE) for \$347,154 OF in 2015-17. Additionally, PSU PRC will incur service and supply expense in the form of office supplies and travel expense, estimated to be \$115,672 OF in the 2013-15 biennium and \$125,501 OF in 2015-17. PSU will receive a grant through the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) local grant program. The measure places the grant to PSU as the highest priority grant insuring funding for the forecasting work.

DLCD will issue grant funds to PSU to support the issuance costs of the forecasts. The grant funds issued by DLCD equate to an appropriation of \$440,716 General Fund (GF) per biennium for the department. The Governor's Recommended Budget included \$250,000 GF in Policy Option Package (POP) #108 to offset costs for the grant.

Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) assumes that the remaining revenue needed to cover PSU PRC's expenditures will be drawn from the local planning grant(s) fund. This will mean a reduction in the fund by \$190,716 in the 2013-15 biennium and \$222,655 in 2015-17. LFO notes that the Governor's Recommended Budget scaled back funding for local planning grants by \$655,090 per biennium. The current service level (CSL) for local planning grants is \$1,637,725; if the Governor's Budget and HB 2253 are approved the total amount available for local planning grants will be \$791,919 in the 2013-15

biennium and \$759,980 in 2015-17 for 256 cities and 36 counties. This represents a 52% reduction in the 2013-15 biennium and 54% reduction from CSL in 2015-17.

Cities and counties do not report any fiscal impact. Some cities and counties may incur savings from the implementation of this bill if they were not awarded technical assistance grants for the purpose of generating population forecasts. Calculations are based on an effective date on July 1, 2013.