

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Creates Fish Passage Restoration Subaccount within Fish Passage Fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Water Resources Department

Summary of Expenditure 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 creates the Fish Passage Restoration subaccount within the Fish Passage Fund and requires the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to use the subaccount to fund priority fish passage restoration projects. The bill creates the Fish Passage Task Force to provide advice to ODFW regarding projects to be funded by the subaccount. Five years after the effective date of the act; the Water Resources Department (WRD) is required to work with ODFW to review the expenditures from the subaccount as well as review the adequacy of a fee described in ORS 543.765. The WRD shall collect the fee on behalf of ODFW and forward the fee moneys to the subaccount.

The fiscal impact to ODFW and WRD, associated with the passage of this bill, is expected to be minimal. All expenses are estimated to be absorbable within the existing parameters of the agencies budgets, including work associated with maintaining a record of monies in the subaccount and the creation of an annual report, review of certificates, and pre-application meetings with persons interested in the installation of hydroelectric projects with an artificial delivery system.

Revenues for the subaccount are assumed from 30 projects that are projected to reach commercial operation by the year 2016. The projected revenues are approximately \$7,000 Other Funds (OF) in the 2013-15 biennium and \$75,000 OF revenue in the 2015-17 biennium. Actual revenues will vary based on the timeframe projects are established, project base hydro power fee amounts, and project developers' option to install fish passage as an alternative to paying the annual fish passage fees.