

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3337 - B**

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**Measure Description:**

Expands state policy relating to ecosystems.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Office of the Governor, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of Agriculture, Department of Forestry, Department of State Lands, Statewide, Counties

**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 bill directs the Governor’s Office in cooperation with Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to review local, state, regional and federal conservation plans and laws that could impact ecosystems. This review and the creation of a report is to be guided by a work group and said findings reported to an interim legislative committee related to environment and natural resources on or before June 30, 2015.

The bill also further develops guidelines that encourage state agencies and local governments’ goals for maintenance, enhancement and restoration of ecosystem related services. The size and scope of these related services is unclear as well as specifically intended “socio-economic benefits” or “incentives” that may be provided under provisions of the bill. Therefore the measurable fiscal impact of this bill to agencies and local governments statewide is indeterminate at this time.

However, the impact to OWEB workload, related to the study, work group and legislative report, is estimated at \$195,322 Federal Funds from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund grant in the 2013-2015 biennium for one limited duration position (1.00 FTE). This position would work with the Governor’s Office and work group to collaborate on the review of conservation plans and laws as well as help create the report on their findings.