

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2259 - C

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Measure Description:

Eliminates sunset on current amounts of certain fees charged by Water Resources Department.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

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: Fees adopted by the Legislature in 2009 to replace \$2.1 million General Fund in the Water Resources Department (WRD) sunset July 1, 2013. The bill removes the sunset on the Department's fee schedule and increases fees from the 2009 level by an average of 13%. The bill includes sunset provisions that revert the fees back to the 2009 level beginning 7/1/2017.

If the measure is not approved, fees will revert back to 2003 levels. A roll-back to 2003 levels would decrease authorized funding levels and would decrease staff by 8 positions (7.66 FTE), resulting in reducing service to customers evaluating ground water supplies, conducting ground water studies, carrying out ground water monitoring, and administration and enforcement of exempt ground water under the law.

Other Funds (OF) revenues from this measure are estimated at \$1,194,620 OF in the 2013-15 biennium and \$1,235,862 OF in the 2015-17 biennium. Revenues raised by this fee support existing positions for evaluating ground water supplies, conducting ground water studies, carrying out ground water monitoring, data entry and administration. Total Other Funds expenditures associated with these positions are estimated to closely mirror OF revenues in the 2013-15 and 2015-17 biennia.