

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2509 A8

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Measure Description:

Directs the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to provide mediation services to assist parties in reaching an agreement about the coexistent use of agricultural lands and allows ODA to charge a fee for services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture

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: This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to provide mediation services to assist parties in reaching an agreement about the coexistent use of agricultural lands and allows ODA to charge a fee for services.

ODA anticipates an indeterminate fiscal impact due to the provisions of this bill. ODA does not have sufficient experience with mediation services and it is unclear how often mediation may be needed. ODA would need to request General Funds for up front training costs for mediators. The bill allows ODA to charge fees to provide these services. The amount of revenue this would generate will depend on demand for the services outlined in the bill.