

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2653 A REVISED

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Measure Description:

Requires State Department of Agriculture to establish standards for locating apiaries in residential zones in Oregon.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

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 fiscal impact statement has been revised based on additional information received from Oregon State University.

This bill requires the Oregon State University Extension Service, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and beekeeping organizations, to establish a written policy on best practices for beekeeping within residential areas and disseminate best practices and make information about beekeeping in residential areas available to governing bodies and the general public.

The Extension Service estimates it would cost approximately \$300,000 to provide support for this program, develop best practices, provide coordination with various stakeholders, and develop and disseminate written state-wide policy on best practices. Oregon State University reports that this work can be accomplished within the additional \$14 million provided in the Statewide Public Service Programs in the Co-Chair Budget for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

The Department of Agriculture anticipates a minimal fiscal impact for the agency.