

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/07/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 02/05, 04/07

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, Post

Exc: 2 - McLane, Witt

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Department of State Lands (DSL) to establish and impose one-time application fee on person applying for easement to construct water, gas, electric, or communication service line, fixture or other facility on state land. Prohibits DSL from imposing application fee more than once per application for easement. Requires application for easement to include all crossing of state land within county. In case where easement is needed in area involving two counties, permits one application and limits DSL to one application fee. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact to utilities and ratepayers
- Modernization of language by Legislative Counsel

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

With some exceptions, the submerged and submersible land (beds and banks) underlying the navigable and tidally influenced waters in Oregon are owned by the state. In most cases, this ownership, which was granted by the federal government when Oregon became a state, extends to the line of ordinary high water or high tide. The State Land Board and Department of State Lands (DSL) oversee the lands under the territorial sea, tidally influenced land, and the non-tidally influenced beds and banks of 12 rivers and a number of lakes in the state. DSL is responsible for most of the day-to-day management of these lands. The revenue from leases and authorizations for waterway uses, such as marinas, docks, floating homes and wharfs, is deposited into the Common School Fund to benefit K-12 public schools throughout the state.

House Bill 2460A authorizes DSL to establish and impose a one-time application fee on persons applying for an easement to construct water, gas, electric, or communication service line, fixture or other facility on state lands. In addition, the measure would prohibit DSL from imposing an application fee more than once per application for easement.