

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3169 A**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Water Resources Department to conduct study to determine certain information regarding aquifers in this state.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Oregon State Treasurer, Water Resources Department

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

General Fund	\$1,150,310	\$1,150,310
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds		
Federal Funds		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$1,150,310</b>	<b>\$1,150,310</b>
Positions	6	6
FTE	6.00	6.00

**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 would require the Water Resources Department (WRD) to conduct a study of all aquifers in the state to determine the size, extent, capacity, and physical qualities of the aquifers. In addition, the bill establishes the Domestic Well Improvement Fund financed through Oregon State Lottery Bonds. The Fund would be used to provide low-interest loans for drilling, repair, rebuilding or deepening wells primarily used for domestic purposes.

WRD estimates five positions (5.00 FTE) to conduct the study and develop the reports necessary to meet the requirements of this bill. In addition, WRD estimates the need of one position (1.00 FTE) to establish the loan program and service the loans. The total amount of the bonding is unknown at this time.

The Department of Administrative Services and the Oregon State Treasurer anticipate a minimal fiscal impact due to the requirements of this bill.

The Legislative Fiscal Office believes this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee for consideration of this measure's budgetary impact on the State's General Fund and bonding requirements.