

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 246 A**

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**Measure Description:**

Authorizes Environmental Quality Commission to develop low-interest loan program to complete on-site septic system repairs, replacements or upgrades.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**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 would allow the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish an onsite septic loan program that would provide loans to low to moderate income applicants for the purpose of repairing or replacing septic systems under certain circumstances.

DEQ would need resources for program development, stakeholder outreach, rulemaking, and recruitment of loan program administrators. In addition, DEQ would need additional resources for program start-up and program management. DEQ estimates that it would require approximately \$440,000 GF in 2015-17 and \$390,000 GF in 2017-19 to support the program. The -2 amendment has a blank appropriation line in it and the full amount of the On-Site Septic System Loan Fund is unknown at this time.